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SC PULLS UP NTA OVER NEET LEAK, SAYS IT HAS NOT LEARNT LESSONS

The court on Monday sought the response of the Centre, NTA and CBI on pleas to replace the National Testing Agency with an autonomous one

NTA ASKED TO DETAIL STEPS TAKEN SINCE 2024

Pointing to the 2024 leak of the NEET paper, the Supreme Court asked the testing agency what steps it has taken since. "It's sad they have not learnt their lessons. The matter travelled to this court earlier also. There was a committee which made some recommendations and they were accepted. We want the NTA to file an affidavit on the steps taken," the court said | P9

PLEAS SEEK NEW BODY TO CONDUCT EXAM

- The court issued the notices while hearing a batch of pleas, including one by the Federation of All India Medical Association
- The medical body has urged the court to issue a direction to restructure or replace NTA with a robust and autonomous system
- The concerned parties have three days to submit their responses

Friday

WHEN THE COURT WILL HEAR THE MATTER AGAIN

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MEKEDATU

SC rejects review plea of TN govt

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@New Delhi

IN a significant development, the Supreme Court dismissed a review petition filed in the Mekedatu case, rejecting the Tamil Nadu government's request that the hearing — seeking a review of the order dated November 13, 2025 — be conducted in an open court rather than in the judges' private chambers.

A three-judge bench dismissed the Tamil Nadu government's review petition. "Therefore, this review petition is dismissed. Consequently, if there are any pending interlocutory applications, they are also deemed to be disposed of," the bench ordered.

The Tamil Nadu government had filed a petition in the Supreme Court in 2018 with the following prayers:

(i) To stay the permission granted on November 22, 2018, by the Central Water Commission to the Karnataka Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited to proceed with the preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Mekedatu Project.

(ii) To issue a directive to the Central Water Commission to withdraw the letter dated November 22, 2018 — issued to the managing director of the Karnataka Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd — giving permission to prepare the detailed project report for the proposed Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir and Drinking Water Project. P7

Trump now ties deal with Iran to Abraham Accords

Asks Arab countries and Pakistan to sign the Accords as part of peace pact

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

US President Donald Trump tied the future of any Iran agreement to a dramatic expansion of the Abraham Accords, signalling a broader geopolitical push to reshape alliances across West Asia. The move came alongside Trump sharply recalibrating expectations around ongoing negotiations with Tehran, warning that any agreement with Iran would either be "meaningful" or there would be "no deal at all."

"The deal with Iran will either be a great and meaningful one, or there will be no deal," Trump said. Earlier in Tehran, Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei acknowledged progress in negotiations but cautioned against expectations of an imminent breakthrough.

In a Truth Social post on Monday, Trump said he was "mandatorily requesting that all countries immediately sign the Abraham Accords" — a diplomatic framework introduced during his first term to normalise ties between Israel and Arab states. The countries he referenced included Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Pakistan, Türkiye, Egypt, Jordan besides the UAE and Bahrain, both already signatories to the accords.

The statement marked a shift in tone after Trump had earlier suggested that an agreement to end the nearly three-month conflict with Iran was "largely negotiated".

Besides, the inclusion of Pakistan in Trump's list adds another layer of complexity. Islamabad has historically refused to recognise Israel without the establishment of a Palestinian state based on pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio sought to temper speculation surrounding a breakthrough during his visit to India. He added that the US would either secure a "strong agreement" with Iran or confront the country "another way," while insisting diplomacy would still be given "every chance to succeed."

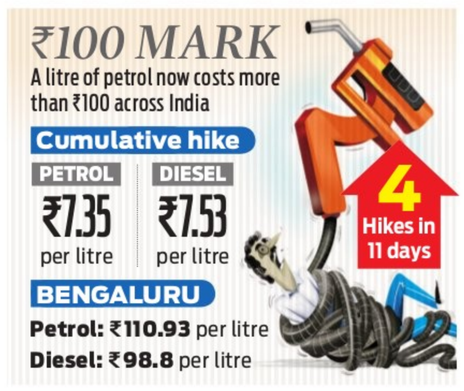
We thought we might have some news (peace agreement) last night, maybe today... I wouldn't read too much into it

Marco Rubio, US Secretary of State

Iranian team in Qatar for talks

Iran's parliament speaker and top negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, foreign minister Abbas Araghchi, and central bank chief Abdolnaser Hemmati reached Qatar on Monday to discuss "the most sensitive unresolved issues" in reaching a potential deal with the US to end the three-month-old war. Reports said the delegation held talks with Qatar's prime minister. Meanwhile, Trump said negotiations with Iran are "proceeding nicely"

Petrol, diesel prices increased yet again



RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

GOVERNMENT-owned oil marketing companies (OMCs) on Monday increased petrol and diesel prices for the fourth time in 11 days by ₹2.61 and ₹2.71 per litre, respectively, taking the cumulative increase to ₹7.35 per litre for petrol and ₹7.53 for diesel.

With the latest hike, petrol prices have crossed the ₹100-per-litre mark across the country with Delhi recording ₹102.12.

The prices vary in states due to local taxation. In Telangana, a litre of petrol will now cost ₹118.30 while the figure is ₹114.90 in Kerala. Petrol in Mumbai was priced at ₹111.21 and diesel ₹97.83, while Kolkata prices rose to ₹113.51 and ₹99.82, respectively.

Diesel prices also crossed the ₹100 mark in Telangana (₹106.7) and Kerala (₹104.1).

Monday's increase came even as global oil prices fell sharply amid hopes for a deal to end the US-Israel war on Iran. Brent crude fell more than 5% on Monday.

According to the government, however, OMCs still lose around ₹600 crore per day.

320 stranded mid-air for hrs in Gulmarg cable car

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

ABOUT 320 tourists were stranded mid-air for several hours after a technical glitch halted the gondola cable car system at the ski resort of Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday afternoon.

The panic-stricken tourists were rescued after an eight-hour-long operation involving personnel from the National Disaster Response Force, the State Disaster Response Force, the Army, and the local police. Their work was hampered by heavy rains in the area.

Rescue personnel reached people trapped inside 63 cabins of the gondola with the help of ladders. They were brought to the ground safely using ropes. Many cabins were hanging at a height of about 500 ft.

Director General of Police (DGP), Nalin Bhagat, said the operation was completed in the evening, and all the tourists were rescued. There were no reports of any injury. Officials said an investigation will be launched to determine what caused the technical snag.

The Gulmarg Gondola, one of the world's highest cable car projects, operates in two phases. Phase 1 at Kongdori stands at 10,006 ft, and Phase 2 at Affarwat is 12,959 ft above sea level. The base station at Gulmarg is located at an altitude of 8,694 ft. Operations for both phases were immediately suspended.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah praised the rescue forces. "The nation salutes the forces for their valour and skill," Shah said in a post on X.

Rescue operation underway; (inset) a tourist being rescued | PTI

Trapped 500 ft above

Officials said since many cabins were hanging 500 ft above ground, rescue work took considerable amount of time

Is this it? CM, DCM in New Delhi for crucial meet with Congress top brass

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

THE Congress high command will most likely put an end to the power tussle between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, as both leaders have been summoned to Delhi for a high-voltage meeting scheduled to be held at AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence at 11 am on Tuesday.

Depending on the situation, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi could take part in the meeting, which will be attended by AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal too.

"I cannot comment on this. Rahulji will speak," was Kharge's cryptic reply while talking to a news agency in Delhi on Monday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala at a press meet in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Rahul's message for the meeting was conveyed by Venugopal, first to Siddaramaiah on Sunday and Shivakumar on Monday, indicating that a decision on either a change in leadership or cabinet reshuffle would be taken in the presence of both leaders. The much-anticipated meeting will be decisive if Rahul too takes part in it.

The power tussle between the two leaders has been lingering since November 2025, and Shivakumar has been insisting that the high command should take a decision based on the agreement, which was struck between him and Siddaramaiah in 2023 when the party won the Assembly elections, to share power for two-and-a-half years each.

Tuesday's meeting is a clear indication that Shivakumar has got an opportunity to make his strongest-ever bid to stake claim to the chief minister's seat.

CM: NOT AWARE OF AGENDA P4

EXPRESS READ

Siddu launches upgraded 108 emergency healthcare system

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday inaugurated the upgraded 108 Emergency Service Command and Control Centre here. The system aims at strengthening emergency healthcare services across the state through the use of advanced technology | P5

SC asks media not to record statements in Twisha case

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Madhya Pradesh government to ensure that the alleged dowry death case of Twisha Sharma is handed over to the CBI. It also urged the media not to record the statements of witnesses or any potential accused | P10

NIA raids in J&K in terror funding case linked to Jamaat-e-Islami

Srinagar: The National Investigation Agency on Monday conducted searches in Kashmir as part of its probe into a terror-funding case linked to the banned Jamaat-e-Islami. The searches were conducted at three locations, including the Darul Uloom Sirajul Uloom | P10

MAJOR MOVE

Privatisation of power distribution in state on cards

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

SOON, consumers will have the option of choosing which vendor they want to buy electricity from and at what cost.

In a major move, the state energy sector has opened its doors for privatisation on the lines of Odisha, Delhi, Mumbai and others. Tata Power Company has applied before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) for a distribution licence to supply electricity in select jurisdictions of BESCOM (Bengaluru), HESCOM (Hubli-Dharwad), CESC (Mysuru) and MESCOM (Mangaluru). The company applied recently, KERC officials said. The company has sought distribution rights in Belagavi, Uttara Kannada, Dharwad, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Bengaluru Rural, Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Ramanagara, Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Shivamogga, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi.

KERC Chairman P Ravi Kumar said the company applied under Section 14 of the Karnataka Electricity Act 2002, which was passed in 2003, allowing people/agencies to apply for distribution licences. But they should have their own network and infrastructure. First, the company's appeal will be published, later, objections will be called for and then the final hearing will be done. The entire process will take some time, he added.

"This cannot be called privatisation as it is only private distribution. Though these provisions existed for the last 20 years, this is the first time that a company has applied," Kumar said.

A senior official in the energy sector explained that when the Act was being finalised, there was a discussion whether private companies should lay their own lines or use the existing network of government agencies and ask consumers to pay for it. But since nothing was finalised and ESCOMs were not keen to share their infrastructure, private agencies in other states laid their own lines and generated electricity, both conventional and renewable.

"Whether the appeal is realised or not, it is an indication that the monopoly that ESCOMs enjoyed will end. Though nothing has been said on the tariffs, they will be competitive, offering better deals to consumers. This is a first for Karnataka and ESCOMs have to get serious," the official said. P6

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Sunset 06.40 pm
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Moonset 02.10 am

● PETROL, DIESEL PRICE HIKES HAVE DOMINO EFFECT ● EATING OUT, TRANSPORT TO PINCH POCKETS

WALLET UNDER PRESSURE

Every day, fuel loot is pinching the pockets of the common man. The last 11 days have been catastrophic on the pockets of the salaried class, farmers, businessmen, homemakers and common persons

Randeep Singh Surjewala, AICC Karnataka in-charge

Repeated fuel price hikes are putting a financial burden on transport corporations that are already facing constraints | VINODKUMAR T

Idli at ₹90, biryani at ₹500? Hotels warn of costly bite

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

YOUR favourite plate of biryani may soon cost nearly Rs 500, while go-to breakfast items such as idlis and masala dosas could become significantly more expensive.

The Karnataka State Hotels Association (KSHA) has warned that the state government's revised minimum wages for workers could trigger a steep increase in food prices across hotels and restaurants in Karnataka, placing an additional burden on consumers and small hotel operators.

KSHA president G K Shetty said the revised wage structure, which increases minimum wages by nearly 60%, would severely impact the hospitality sector that is already struggling with rising operational costs. He said the wages now range from Rs 19,300 for unskilled workers in Zone 3 taluks to Rs 31,100 for highly skilled workers in Zone 1.

Shetty claimed that if the revised wages are implemented in the current form, the price of popular breakfast items could rise sharply. "A plate of idli, currently priced around Rs 50, may go up to Rs 80-90, while masala dosa prices could touch Rs 150 from the present Rs 80-90," he said. He added that vegetarian meals priced at Rs 150-200 may rise to Rs 250-300, while biryani prices in Bengaluru could go up from Rs 300-350 to nearly Rs 500.

The association pointed to mounting pressure on the hospitality industry due to a sharp increase in commercial LPG cylinder prices, which, Shetty said, rose from Rs 1,884 to Rs 3,152 within a few months. Apart from LPG costs, hoteliers are also dealing with increased grocery prices, higher electricity tariffs and garbage cess charges.

Shetty said many small and family-run hotels could face severe financial strain due to the increased wage burden. He argued that the hotel sector should be treated differently as establishments already provide welfare facilities such as food, accommodation, uniforms and washing allowances to workers.

The KSHA said it had appealed to the Karnataka government to classify the hospitality sector separately while implementing revised minimum wages, but the request was not accepted. The association warned that the move could eventually lead to unemployment and force workers into the unorganised sector, including petty shops and footpath vending.

The association urged the government to reconsider the implementation of revised minimum wages for the hotel industry to avoid hardship for both hotel operators and consumers.

4-DAY RISE

	Petrol	Diesel
MAY 15	₹3.25	₹3.11
MAY 19	₹0.99	₹0.94
MAY 23	₹0.95	₹0.95
MAY 25	₹2.61	₹2.71

TOTAL INCREASE IN 10 DAYS
PETROL ₹7.97
DIESEL ₹7.81

FREIGHT CARRIERS HIT
7 lakh lorries operate across Karnataka
35,000 trucks transport in and around Bengaluru
4,000 trucks bring vegetables & commodities into Bengaluru daily

With diesel prices going up, bus fares could go north

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

STATE-RUN bus fares are likely to increase amid multiple hikes in diesel prices over the past 10 days. Sources in state-run transport corporations indicated that the hike in fuel rates has left the corporations with no choice but to propose a fare hike. The corporations, which are already reeling under financial burden, will be further burdened by the additional expense, which has triggered discussions on hiking ticket prices, a source added.

When *TNIE* contacted Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, he indicated that any decision on increasing bus fares would depend on proposals submitted by the four state-run transport corporations. He said the government has not yet received any formal request from the corporations seeking a fare revision. He explained that if the corporations submit proposals citing financial stress and seek a fare hike, the government would examine the matter. "Once proposals come from all four corporations, the state government will think about it," he said.

The minister also pointed to the financial burden caused by repeated fuel price hikes. He noted that after the previous cumulative diesel price hikes were hovering around Rs 4 before Monday, the four transport corporations were together looking at an additional burden of nearly Rs 25 crore per month and Rs 300 crore a year. With diesel prices having risen to over Rs 7 per litre due to additional cess and revisions, the losses are expected to increase further, he noted.

Reddy, however, maintained that no official proposal has reached the government so far, though such requests "may come" from the transport boards in future. The last fare hike was announced in January 2025, with a 15 per cent increase across the four corporations – KSRTC, KKRTC, NWKRTC, BMTC – citing rising operational costs.

Truckers plan 10% freight hike, veggie prices to go up

INDRA S @Bengaluru

TRUCK operators in Karnataka are likely to raise freight charges by at least 10% after diesel prices increased for the fourth time by a total of Rs 7.81 per litre over the last 10 days, while petrol rose by Rs 7.97 on Monday.

The hike would impact vegetables, essential commodities, plywood, iron and others.

While agriculture sector representatives anticipate a 50 paise per kilo rise in produce prices from June.

According to the oil dealers association, fuel prices in Bengaluru now stand at Rs 110.93 for petrol and Rs 98.80 for diesel.

Speaking to *TNIE*, GR Shanmugappa, president of the Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners and Agents' Association and Retail Transport Contractors' Association said transporters have "no other option" but to increase freight rates as fuel costs continue to rise. "Whenever diesel prices increase, transport costs automatically go up. We cannot avoid it," he said.

He said a meeting of transport operators has been convened on Wednesday to decide on the extent of the hike, adding that a 10% increase in freight charges is being considered in line with the recent rise in diesel prices.

"Out of every Rs 100 spent on diesel, nearly Rs 46 goes towards taxes including excise duty and state levies," he further stated, urging the government to reduce taxes on fuel. The operator further claimed that transporters contribute substantial revenue through taxes and GST but receive no direct relief despite rising operational costs.

"We are anticipating another hike in petrol and diesel prices in the coming week," said Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, Advisor of Agricultural Produce Market Committee. "Naturally, logistics costs will increase and by the first week of June, consumers can expect at least a 50 paise per kilogram increase at retail level," he said.

"Transport and logistics operators have already begun discussions on revising freight charges and logistics is the costliest part of the procurement," Lahoti added.

Bengaluru runs low on fuel patience

Bengaluru: As fuel prices in the nation soared for the fourth time in 11 days, responses from Bengaluru residents in a survey conducted by Local Circle showed that 61% of the respondents were struggling with transportation costs, and only 39% of the total pool were content with continuing their current modes of transport. A total of 8,943 respondents from Bengaluru participated in the study. Among them, 48% complained of rising costs of other products as well; 37% complained of rising costs of services, and 39% said that their lives had not been severely impacted. 57% said that they had chosen to cut down on non-essential travel and outings. A shift to lower-cost transport options like vehicle pooling, public transit, two-wheelers, and more was preferred by 19% of the respondents; 29% said that they would choose to combine trips; 30% said they would cut down on other expenses to prioritise fuel; 21% said that they would settle for products and services that were closer to their homes to not have to travel far. Optional and luxurious purchases took a backseat for 14% of the respondents, and 17% admitted that they had yet to make any drastic changes to their travel. **ENS**

KWIN CITY

Toyota Kirloskar Motors to invest ₹1,200cr in hub

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TOYOTA Kirloskar Motors signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the industries department on Monday to set up a global-scale 'BizIntel Hub' with an investment of Rs 1,200 crore in KWIN City being developed by the state government between Dabaspet and Doddaballapur.

The MoU was signed by the principal secretary of industries department, S Selvakumar, and COO and special project director of Toyota, Sudeep Dalavi, in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Large Industries Minister MB Patil.

Siddaramaiah assured to provide full cooperation for the investment. Patil said, "The company will invest Rs 1,200 crores as an initial capital in five years, which will create 200 jobs. For this, 300 acres of land will be provided to Toyota. Here, vehicle manufacturing, testing, and the start of a modern vehicle manufacturing plant will all take place. This will be a boon to the youth of the state," he said, pointing out that this is the first investment being made in the KWIN City.

Patil said a total investment of Rs 48,000 crore will be invested in this project, and a total of 1 lakh jobs will be created. The agreements will soon be reached with several health and research institutions which have come forward to invest. "This state-of-the-art city will come into existence in phases on a total of 5,800 acres. The first phase of development is already in progress," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Shrigandha Foundation marks 5th Foundation Day

Bengaluru: Shrigandha Foundation organised Shrigandha Kalarava 2026 at Kalagrama as part of its fifth foundation day celebrations on Sunday. The programme began with a Dollu Kunitha performance followed by the inauguration ceremony. Karnataka Defence Estates Officer Divya Shreyas Hosur appreciated the Foundation's educational initiatives and said her journey from a government school student to the current position was possible through scholarships. Historian Dharmendra Kumar Aranahalli praised the Foundation's rural outreach programmes and stressed the need to empower rural youth and farmers. During the event, outgoing president Prashanth Patange handed over responsibilities to newly elected president Anand MR.'The cultural segment featured Veena and Bharatanatyam performances by students and artists from Manojna Nritya Kala Academy. **ENS**

Tippers at the ready to dispose of Bakrid waste

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH three days left for Bakrid, the festival of sacrifice, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has come up with a four-day plan to handle around 2000 tonnes of animal waste expected to be generated in the five city corporations under Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

A day before Bakrid, a mass announcement will be made in all mosques across Bengaluru not to litter street corners with animal waste. The civic body will also hand out gunny bags to collect waste. The public will be sensitised to dispose of the waste in these bags and hand them over to auto tippers.

"A large amount of waste is expected from Shivajinagar, Hebbal, Chamarajpet, Pulakeshinagar and Hebbal," said Ramamani, Chief Operating Officer, BSWML.

According to the official, the animal waste will be disposed of scientifically, and street corners will be sprayed by gangmen.

To send a message to community members to keep their surroundings clean, GBA officials also reached out to the head priest to circulate it. "We will cooperate with GBA, and a message has been circulated to over 800 masjids across Bengaluru to tell the community to ensure the animals are not slaughtered in the open and in public places, and not to throw any waste in drains or on street corners," said Maqsood Imran Rashadi, chief imam, Jamia Masjid, KR Market.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

26th May : The Long Game On a day when the sun is trined (and Mars is very much at odds) with Pluto in social Aquarius, try not to judge a whole relationship by a single slice of time. Playing the long game means you care about the arc, not just this chapter. A disagreement, a lull or even a great stretch of no contact -- none of it tells the full story. Zoom out. Look for patterns over time instead of letting one moment define everything.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You don't have to have your finger on the pulse of culture to know what's cool. Because your pulse is as tuned in as any. If it makes you happy, or interests you or intrigues you, it's worth pursuing.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Fun (SET ITAL) can(END ITAL) be contagious, but not always. Mismatches happen. You might simply need a minute to warm up, or it may not be your kind of fun. When enjoyment is mutual, it tends to build. When it's consistently one-sided, something's off.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
By expressing your joy, you make life more joyful for everyone involved. Therefore, when you take the time to figure out what delights you, you're not only deepening your relationship with yourself, you're also bringing more happiness into the world.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Do you think someone is trying to impress you? Does it feel like you're being persuaded? Adored? Controlled? You're very sensitive to social dynamics and super-savvy about the motivations of others. Your decisions depend on accuracy here.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Your friends are important to you, and they know it because you make sure of it. You show up dependably, as expected, and reach out unexpectedly, too, because the surprise has sweet impact.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
When they ask what you're up to, you throw them off the trail. Why? You shouldn't have to explain yourself. You're in the thrust of action. No need to slow down for anyone or catch anyone up. Ride your own momentum.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Not knowing where you're going with a project will be half the fun. You'll stick with the work until it tells you what it wants to be -- the move of a true artist. You are open to forces bigger than logic and you respect their sway.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
What you do is not the totality of who you are. Still, melding with the verb will increase your vitality today. When you run, you're a runner. When you dance, you're a dancer. When you poeticize, you're a poet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
A relationship is like a long car ride with a fellow driver -- it's better to take turns at the wheel, or at least the passenger should agree to keep the driver entertained, so no one falls asleep. Is everyone doing their part?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You are the artist of your character, a work that is always being formed and reformed. In the end, what exists is what you made. There are no shoulds and shouldn'ts, only dids and didn'ts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Some people just can't settle into the thankless work. They demand status without earning it. But those who skip paying their dues can't appreciate the scope of a functional operation. Don't enable entitlement.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Someone attractive led you into a scene that was, at the time, exciting, new and full of promise. Now things are different and you're reassessing your role here and the benefits to staying. This check-in keeps you from stagnation.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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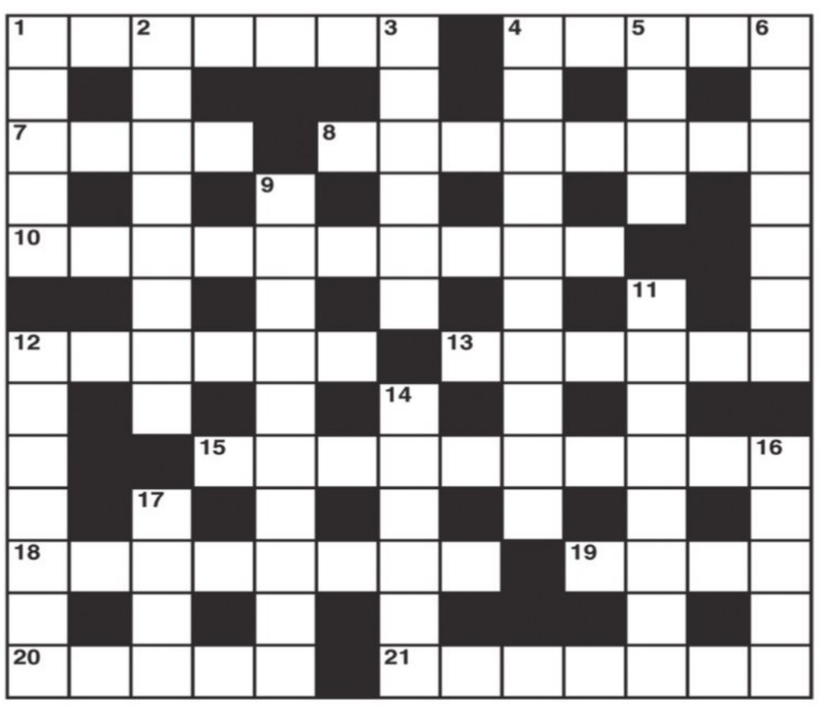

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7 Medal the archer aims at (4)
8 A quick survey as soon as it's finally done (4-4)
10 Spent in riotous living (10)
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15 Uplift then bring back to earth (10)
18 A mammoth beast disposed to stand and moo (8)
19 Water rate? (4)
20 Possibly licks smooth (5)
21 Odd sort of brazier (7)

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1 Tough serviceman allowed in free (5)
2 Music Leo played in the stadium (8)
3 One or two similar containers? (3,3)
4 See pottery cast in set routine (10)
5 Grudging admiration (4)
6 Highly upset by flight? (7)
9 Might be a rush job (10)
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12 Yet it doesn't usually contain mother's ruin (7)
14 Bury someone due to wrong note by a doctor? (6)
16 Handle right (5)
17 Drink it as a cocktail (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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Down: 2 Nomad, 3 Serf, 4 Eureka, 5 Told a lie, 6 At a loss, 7 Back numbers, 8 Legal action, 13 Carefree, 15 Bolster, 17 Ribbon, 20 Edges, 21 Eire.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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So, what do we call this number?
Let me think of something.
THE NUMBER THAT EQUALS 10 MINUS TWO DIDN'T EXIST UNTIL IT WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNOCK TWICE CLEVER GRASSY
Answer: Their vacation to Florida's southernmost tourist destination was — LOW-KEY

Farmers of Davanagere district alleged that over 500 acres of paddy grown in the district was damaged due to the rainfall that lashed the district recently. They requested the State and district administration to conduct a proper assessment of the losses, as the current report made by the officials is far from reality

Sexual harassment case: Court denies priest bail

Molested woman aspiring to be nun, said was 'God's work'

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE 45th Additional City Civil and Sessions Court refused to grant bail to a 31-year-old priest from a Christian mission for allegedly sexually harassing a 27-year-old woman, who joined the mission to become a nun, forcing her to have sex, claiming "it is God's work".

"It is very clear that the petitioner has not made out any grounds for his release on bail. The petitioner has committed such an offence against a woman, which affects the self-esteem and respect of women," said Judge E Rajeeva Gowda, rejecting the bail petition of Sam Satya Nesan, the accused from Tamil Nadu.

Police said, the woman wanted to serve God. So she left her house and stayed in a paying guest accommodation. She joined the mission on Kanakapura Road in March 2026. On the night of April 23, she and two other women and the accused went to a hotel in JP Nagar to have dinner. The victim went to her paying guest accommodation at midnight, but it was closed. She informed the accused, who told her that he had booked a cab for her to go to his mission.

Accordingly, she reached there at 1am. When she was sleeping in the room of the accused, he allegedly told her to have sex with him, saying it was "God's work". When she refused, he allegedly molested her and recorded it on a mobile phone, which he showed to her and threatened her.

In his bail plea, the accused claimed he was innocent and that he had been falsely implicated. The complainant did not raise any alarm despite allegedly being inside the religious institution. She remained on the premises throughout the night and till next noon. Thereafter, she left for her paying guest accommodation. There was no immediate medical examination, no allegation of physical injury and no complaint to any person in the mission. The complaint was lodged with jurisdictional police on May 7, the accused said. The public prosecutor submitted that the bail petition is not maintainable in law or on facts as there are sufficient materials to show that the petitioner is involved in non-bailable offences. The investigation is in progress and the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is needed. If he is released on bail, he will again cause mental and physical harassment to the complainant and also try to destroy evidence and tamper with the witnesses.

(From left) Palak, Amit, Akkach, and Sivagnanam

₹24cr 'digital arrest' accused linked to more cyber fraud cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

INVESTIGATION into the Rs 24 crore digital arrest scam by the Cyber Command Police has revealed that two of the six arrested accused, who were from Ahmedabad, were allegedly also involved in a Rs 15 crore digital arrest case reported in Belagavi City. The Cyber Command police said that the details of Palak Bhai Patel and Amit Narendra Patel was shared with the Belagavi Cyber Crime Police Station, who took custody of the duo after obtaining a body warrant. The police said the other arrested accused, Sivagnanam from Erode, was found to be involved in four other cyber fraud cases, while Akkach Mallick from Mumbai was involved in three cyber fraud cases.

RESTROOM VOYEURISM

FIR FILED AGAINST HOSPITAL STAFFER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AN FIR is registered at Varthur police station against a housekeeping staffer of a private hospital after a woman alleged that he recorded her while she was in the washroom. The alleged photos or videos, however, are yet to found by the police.

On May 21, the woman (36) visited the private hospital on Sarjapur Road. While using the restroom, she noticed Krishna Ram, a male staffer, behaving suspiciously and allegedly attempting to take photographs or videos on his mobile phone. He fled the spot when she questioned him about it.

A case was registered under Sections 77 (voyeurism), 79 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman), and 62 (attempt to commit offences) of the BNS, along with relevant provisions of the IT Act. No alleged photographs or videos were found on the mobile phone. The suspect's mobile phone was seized and sent for forensic examination for further investigation.

Gruha Jyothi

Three Years of Lighting Homes, Empowering Lives

Gruha Jyothi: From Zero Bills to Economic Relief

Guarantee Varthe

Bengaluru: In a time when the cost of daily living is soaring, one of the biggest concerns affecting the monthly budget of an ordinary family is the payment of utility bills. In such challenging times, the scheme that has illuminated the homes and lives of poor and lower-middle-class families across the state is 'Gruha Jyothi'.

One of the five Guarantee Schemes implemented by the government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, this scheme has, over the last three years, emerged as a force driving the economic and social progress of the state. According to statistics from the Energy Department, more than 1.64 crore domestic electricity consumers in the state have registered under this scheme and are receiving the benefit of 'Zero Bill'. For this, the government has so far spent ₹26,115 crore, paying it as subsidy to the Electricity Supply Companies (ESCOMs).

Officially launched on August 5, 2023, in Kalaburagi, the scheme has successfully fulfilled its promise of providing up to 200 units of free electricity to every household in the state. The most progressive decision under this scheme is that it was not restricted only to homeowners but was also extended to lakhs of residents living in rented houses. This has provided immense financial relief to the working class.

An Energy Revolution that Became a Model for the Nation

Karnataka's 'Gruha Jyothi' model is a revolutionary step in the country's energy sector. Beyond merely providing a free benefit, it has encouraged consumers to use electricity within their average consumption limits, thereby creating awareness about power conservation among the public. Several states across the country are now closely observing Karnataka's successful model and showing interest in implementing similar initiatives, which stands as a testament to its achievement.

Zero Bills Reviving the Rural Economy

The amount saved every month through electricity bills - ranging from ₹800 to ₹1,500 - is now remaining in the pockets of poor and middle-class families. Parents are using this money for their children's educational needs, purchasing nutritious food grains, and meeting the medical expenses of elderly family members. Some have even started small-scale enterprises from their homes. As a result, people's purchasing power has increased, and the rural economy is also recovering.

68,27,630 Beneficiaries ₹12,168 Crore Expenditure

34,50,833 Beneficiaries ₹4,523 Crore Expenditure

23,96,139 Beneficiaries ₹3,367 Crore Expenditure

23,50,753 Beneficiaries ₹3,032 Crore Expenditure

16,37,123 Beneficiaries ₹2,889 Crore Expenditure

For the people like us, paying the electricity bill itself had become a major challenge. Now, electricity has become completely free through Siddaramaiah's government. The money that remains with us is helping feed our families. Not only that, this scheme has become a source of light that allows our children to study peacefully at night without any fear.

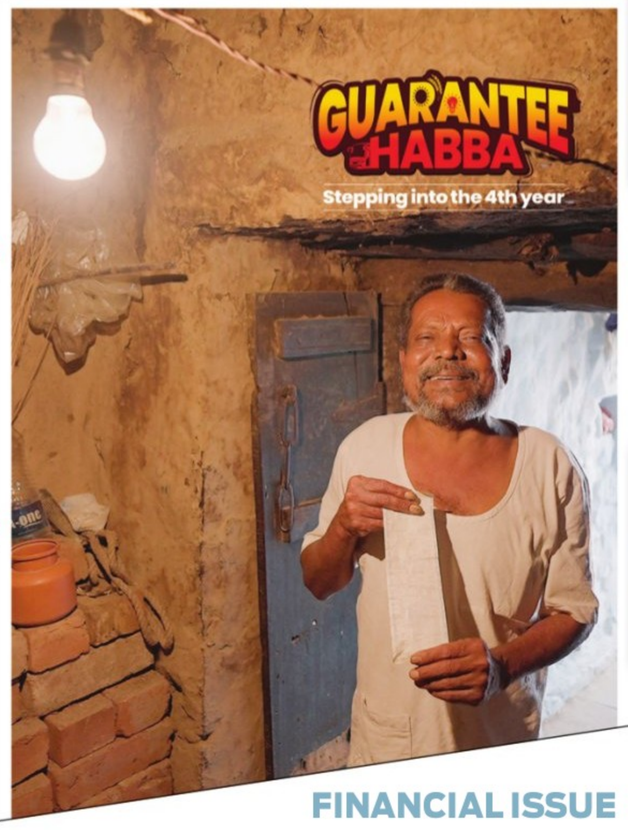
Mahadevappa Valmiki, Haveri

We are people who earn our daily food through wage labour. We used to receive an electricity bill of nearly ₹1,000 per month. We had to set aside the wages of two full days just to pay the bill. But because of Gruha Jyothi, we now receive a 'Zero Bill'. Since electricity has become free, it has greatly benefited the lives of poor people.

Lakshman Kumar, Raichur

Due to lack of capital, I was unable to purchase new machines to provide tailoring training to girls and was worried about meeting electricity expenses. At such a time, the government's 'Gruha Jyothi' scheme became a great source of support for me. Once the concern of electricity bills disappeared, I saved the Gruha Lakshmi money, purchased new sewing machines, started my own tailoring classes.

Ameena Begum, Shahapur



Lighting the Homes of the Poor is True Governance

The satisfaction of seeing Zero Bills reach crores of households every month under Gruha Jyothi is immense. Reducing the financial burden on people and improving their quality of life is the fundamental aspiration of our progressive Karnataka.

Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

A New Chapter in Karnataka's Energy Sector

The Gruha Jyothi scheme has infused new strength into the economic empowerment of ordinary people. Along with freeing households from electricity bills, its greatest success lies in instilling discipline and responsibility in electricity consumption among the public.

D.K. Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister

Transparent and Continuous Energy Service

Despite the complexities of the electricity distribution system, our department has successfully delivered the benefits of Gruha Jyothi to more than 1.64 crore consumers without any confusion or disruption.

K.J. George, Energy Minister

karnataka information

Man fatally stabs auto driver for staring at him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 36-year-old auto driver was murdered for staring at the accused, after he blew cigarette smoke towards the victim. The incident happened in Chikkabanavara police limits at 11.30pm on Sunday near Meena bar on the Abbigere Main Road. The police have arrested the accused. Syed Shafi, the victim, and his friend were sitting in the autorickshaw outside a bar and consuming alcohol. Darshan alias Dasa, the accused, walked out of the bar with his friends and began smoking beside the auto. Shafi was staring at Darshan as the smoke was being blown towards his face. A heated argument soon turned physical and Darshan repeatedly stabbed Shafi's throat with a dagger which he was carrying, killing Shafi on the spot. Darshan was earlier arrested in 2023 in an assault case.

Shafi's wife had separated from him six months ago, as he allegedly often fought with her under the influence of alcohol.

FINANCIAL ISSUE

Auto driver murdered, body thrown into pit in Kengeri

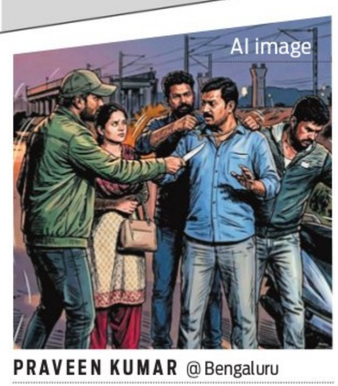
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 25-year-old auto driver was murdered and his body thrown into a pit near Ramasandra Lake in Kengeri on Sunday night.

The victim was identified as N Rakshith of Udaya Layout in Tavarekere. A financial dispute between Rakshith and one of the accused, Mohin Pasha, is said to be the reason for murder.

Around 6 pm on Sunday, Rakshith left home to meet Pasha, a resident of Kambipura, to collect the money he had given to him. However, Rakshith did not return home that night. On Monday, Rakshith's mother Pushpalatha, 49, went to Kambipura and questioned Pasha about her son's whereabouts.

Pasha allegedly told Pushpalatha that he and his relative Hasan assaulted Rakshith with a wooden club near Ramasandra Lake after an argument. They later smashed Rakshith's head with a stone and killed him. Pasha and Hassan threw the body into a pit at Ramasandra. The complaint was filed on Monday around 3 pm by Pushpalatha. In a swift operation, the main accused was arrested, a police officer said. Kumbalgodu police have registered a murder case.



MAN TRAPPED, ROBBED, BLACKMAILED BY GIRLFRIEND AND GANG

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A 30-year-old man from Rajarajeshwari Nagar was trapped, robbed and blackmailed by his 'girlfriend' and her four associates. The victim, S Prabhu, was with the woman in an isolated spot near Ramanagara railway station, when four men suddenly appeared and threatened him at knife-point. The accused took away his scooter, besides gold ornaments worth around Rs 3.5 lakh.

Prabhu managed to run away from the spot and reach his residence in Pattanagere in RR Nagar. The incident took place on May 7.

The next day, the accused planted ganja in Prabhu's scooter and sent a video to his WhatsApp number, accusing him of peddling drugs. They threatened to send the video to the police and also make it viral if he did not send them Rs 50,000.

Prabhu suspected that it was a trap by the woman as none of the robbers knew his mobile number. She even stopped responding to his calls. On the day of the robbery, she had forced him to take her to the isolated place near the railway station, where the accused appeared within a few minutes.

Following repeated blackmail, Prabhu filed a complaint on Friday. Ramanagara Town police registered a case.

"The victim would regularly go to the woman's house in Janata Colony in Ramanagara for functions. On May 7, she reportedly called him, asking to meet her in Channapatna. He went there on his scooter. On the way to her house, she asked him to stop near the railway station so they could talk for some time. Unaware of the trap, when he stopped his scooter, her associates threatened him at knife-point and robbed him. When the accused started blackmailing him with the video for money, he filed a complaint against the woman and her associates. The woman is identified as Latha and one of her associates as Noushad," said an officer.

A case of robbery, extortion and criminal conspiracy has been registered against the accused.

Mandya Deputy Commissioner Kumar said that ensuring the safety of tourists at the Balamuri falls in Srirangapatna taluk must be treated as priority following recent drowning incidents in the Cauvery river

NOT AWARE OF AGENDA, SAYS CM ON MEET WITH PARTY BRASS

LEADERSHIP CHANGE, LONG-PENDING CABINET RESHUFFLE OR RAJYA SABHA, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL POLLS? ALL EYES ARE ON SIDDU'S DELHI VISIT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AMID speculation over change in leadership in the state and a possible cabinet reshuffle, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is scheduled to visit New Delhi on Tuesday to meet Congress high command leaders.

The CM, however, stated that he was not aware of the meeting's agenda. On murmurs of leadership change and cabinet reshuffle, Siddaramaiah said such speculation is always there. Siddaramaiah told reporters at the KPCC office that he has been invited to Delhi for talks. "(AICC General Secretary) KC Venugopal called me and informed me about the meeting," the CM told reporters at the KPCC office.

Meanwhile, when asked about Siddaramaiah's visit to Delhi to meet party leaders, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said that the Rajya Sabha elections have been notified, and the party bosses would have a consultation with the CM. He asked the media not to speculate on anything.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who was also present, said that the Congress will retain power in 2028. "Prior to 2023, Union Minister Amit Shah had said the BJP will get 122 seats in the 2023 Assembly polls... I had stated that we would get 136 seats. Even now I am saying, write it down, Congress government and DK Shivakumar will be there in 2028 in Karnataka," he said.

Meanwhile, while most Congress leaders said that the CM's Delhi visit was to discuss cabinet reshuffle or for finalising candidates for the Legislative Council or Rajya Sabha polls, one source said leadership issue figuring in the talks cannot be ruled out because the party has completed three years in office in the state.

RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said, "Yes, he is going to Delhi to finalise candidates for the upcoming Rajya Sabha and Council polls."

The CM and DCM DK Shivakumar are both in Delhi. Minister Satish Jarkiholi, too, spoke about Siddaramaiah heading to Delhi.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa said, "Yes, the CM is headed to Delhi to meet high command leaders."

While most leaders hinted at a cabinet reshuffle, one source said even the leadership change cannot be ruled out.

When asked about the sudden visit of CM Siddaramaiah to Delhi, he countered, "What is wrong with our CM consulting with the Congress' national leadership, surely he cannot be going to Nagpur to consult with RSS's Mohan Bhagwat."

There are a total of 12 seats falling vacant in the Karnataka Legislative Council in June and July and applications have started pouring in. There are three Rajya Sabha seats for which the final candidates will be considered in consultation with all concerned. Once the council nominations are over, the Congress is expected to have over 40 members in the 75-member Council and is expected to stake a formal claim for leadership of the House, where the present Chairman Basavraj Horatti, is now from the BJP.

Meanwhile, Shantinagar Congress MLA NA Haris was seen rushing to Delhi from Kempegwoda International Airport in Bengaluru on Monday evening.

KPCC sources said there are more than 35-40 MLAs already camping in Delhi and were seen at the AICC office hoping to make it into the ministry if there is a reshuffle. The speculation is that the MLAs are aspirants for the ministry and are hoping that they stand a better chance by going to Delhi.

Sources said the talks will include who the next PCC president will be. DK Shivakumar's five year term as PCC president is long over. And although the party has a 'one man, one post' principle, it has made a relief for him by allowing him to continue as Deputy CM with two important portfolios and as PCC president.

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DK Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President

CM Siddaramaiah, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar address the media at KPCC office in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Muhurtha is fixed at 11 am in Delhi, says Satish

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As Chief Minister Siddaramaiah boarded a special flight to Delhi on Monday evening along with ministers showing allegiance to him, Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President Shivakumar boarded an Air India flight separately along with his personal secretary, giving enough hints that this could be the conclusion of the long-drawn power game.

Shivakumar had already sent his younger brother and former Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh to Delhi on a separate flight. Suresh is likely to meet certain high command leaders, preparing the ground for Shivakumar to put up a strong fight, sources said.

At the meeting, if Shivakumar insists on the Chief Minister post, Siddaramaiah could claim that he is supported by a majority of legislators who want him to continue as CM. He may also argue that he would want to continue in the post, keeping the party's future in mind as the party won five bypolls under his leadership.

During the swearing-in of Kerala Chief Minister VD Satheesan, Siddaramaiah had conveyed to Rahul Gandhi that he has the support of most party seniors, including ministers.

On Tuesday's meeting, a minister told *The New Indian Express*, "There is nothing special. Siddaramaiah has taken along all his supporters to show his strength." The ministers, who have accompanied Siddaramaiah include Dr G Parameshwara, touted as the dark horse for CM post and who is accompanying Siddaramaiah to Delhi for the first time to meet the high command, Byrathi Suresh, Dr HC Mahadevappa, KJ George, MB Patil, CM's legal advisor and MLA AS Ponnanna. PWD minister Satish Jarkiholi boarded a flight separately. RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge is among the other posse of Congress leaders, including TB Jayachandra, PM Narendra Swamy, Puttaranga Shetty, BR Patil, MR Seetharam and MLA NA Haris, who are aspiring to become ministers, also left for the national capital.

Apart from leadership, the meeting also has in its agenda the discussion on four Rajya Sabha seats falling vacant from Karnataka, of which Congress can win three. Kharge is among the four retiring on June 5.

"I believe there shouldn't be any political confusion in our party as it will impact the administration. It is good if all of this is resolved as quickly as possible. No matter what any of us says, the final decision rests with the high command," said Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara.

Jarkiholi said, "The muhurtha is fixed at 11 am in Delhi. We all expect the high command to clear confusion."

VENKATESH GETS ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIO

Before leaving for New Delhi to meet Congress leadership, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah allotted the Planning and Statistics portfolio additionally to Animal Husbandry and Sericulture Minister K Venkatesh for which Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot gave his assent on Sunday. This comes following the demise of minister D Sudhakar, who held the Planning and Statistics portfolio.

Fireworks over fuel price increase

Cong calls it loot, plans agitation on May 30

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress has decided to protest across Karnataka on May 30, opposing the fourth consecutive fuel price hike in the last 11 days.

AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala told reporters that the Union Government was pickpocketing from the common citizens' pocket.

AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala targets the Centre over fuel price hike on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Surjewala said that crude oil prices have come down to 98.6 USD per barrel. "But the prices of petrol and diesel in India have gone up four times the last 11 days. When crude oil prices fall, that benefit should be passed on to the citizens. What is their (Centre's) justification to not reduce fuel prices?" he said, adding that it was unpardonable. At the same time, prices of domestic and commercial cylinders, CNG and other essential commodities have also increased, he said. Surjewala said that the BJP-led Union Government has looted Rs 57 lakh crore since 2014 through many means, including taxing people. "They have indulged in day and night robbery" he said, calling the recent fuel price hike as "looting".

Meanwhile, CM Siddaramaiah hit out at Prime Minister Narednra Modi. He said that before becoming the PM, Modi had promised the people that there would be good days. "In the last 11 days, petrol and diesel prices have been increased four times. In Bengaluru, the price of petrol has reached Rs 110.93 per litre, while diesel costs Rs 98.89 per litre which will also touch Rs 100 soon. Petrol and diesel prices have increased by Rs 7.52 per litre in 11 days, the Centre is looting the country," he said. He also said farmers, labourers, women and others are at receiving end.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said that the Congress government is giving relief to people through its guarantees, whereas the Centre is increasing fuel prices. "We dont know what would have happened if there was no guarantee schemes," he added. He also said that through protests, the Congress is trying to create awareness among people. He also criticised the BJP leaders who travelled in Metro for a day after the PM's call for austerity measures and later continued taking their own vehicles.

Don't politicise, reduce VAT, Ashoka tells CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Opposition BJP on Monday accused Congress leaders of politicising the fuel price hike and demanded that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reduce Value Added Tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel. Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said petrol and diesel prices in Karnataka are higher than the fuel prices in many other states, including Delhi, due to the high VAT imposed by the State Government.

Speaking to mediapersons in Bengaluru, Ashoka said the Congress government is earning an additional revenue from the petrol price hike. Instead of reducing the VAT, it is accusing the Centre, he said. The price hike does not bring any revenue to the Centre, and the State Government is getting an additional Rs 6,000 crore annually, he said, and added that the revenue earned from the increase in fuel prices is being used for the guarantees.

"If the government truly wants to help the people, it should reduce taxes from its own end. Otherwise, it should publicly disclose the additional revenue it is earning. Congress' protest against the price hike is nothing but cheating people," the BJP leader said. The BJP leader said even though several countries imposed restrictions to reduce petrol consumption owing to the war, India has not imposed any such restrictions.

On the leadership tussle in Congress, Ashoka said there is a power struggle for the CM's post. It is unclear whether DyCM DK Shivakumar is securing his future or planning to join another party, he said. Siddaramaiah is going to New Delhi with his team of ministers, and he will not vacate the CM's chair, Ashoka said.

The BJP leader said some Muslim fanatics demolished a platform (Moorinakatte) built by Hindus in Bhatkal, but police have not taken any action against them. This incident in Bhatkal took place after the State Government withdrew cases against those involved in communal violence in Aland in Kalaburgi district, and all this is happening due to vote-bank politics, he said. Those who attacked the police should be booked under the Goonda Act, and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara should take moral responsibility and resign, he said.

He said anti-national elements are trying to break the country through the 'Cockroach Janata Party'. "Pakistanis and Bangladeshis are also involved in this. People should not believe such toolkits. Congress has become a cockroach party. Rahul Gandhi and Arvind Kejriwal are behind the Cockroach Janata Party," he alleged.

FUTURE AT STAKE

Students join an NSUI protest rally against the NEET paper leak issue in Chikkamagaluru on Monday | PTI

DKS says ₹100 crore misused under Gruha Lakshmi scheme

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@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday said that the State Government is considering a review of beneficiaries under its guarantee schemes after reports of misuse in the Gruha Lakshmi scheme surfaced. He agreed that Rs 100 crore has been misused under Gruha Lakshmi scheme alone.

Speaking to reporters at the KPCC office, Shivakumar said that it is important for them to know whether the benefits are reaching genuine beneficiaries or not. "The government is now discussing asking beneficiaries to submit documents for verification," he said.

Shivakumar said cases have come to the government's notice where money continued to be credited despite the death of beneficiaries, allegedly through the use of registered mobile numbers by others. "Some guarantee beneficiaries have passed away and around Rs 100 crore has been misused by going to the wrong people. Also, since some have given others' phone numbers, we need to find out whether the schemes are reaching the right beneficiaries. Therefore, a suggestion has come to discuss collecting beneficiary records. We are reviewing this in every taluk," Shivakumar, who is state Congress chief, said.

Further, Shivakumar said that the government's priority is to ensure that welfare benefits reach genuine beneficiaries.

Responding to questions over Anna Bhagya beneficiaries not receiving rice for the last two months, Shivakumar blamed the Centre and alleged that required releases had not been made.

Khandre bats for stricter action against forest encroachers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

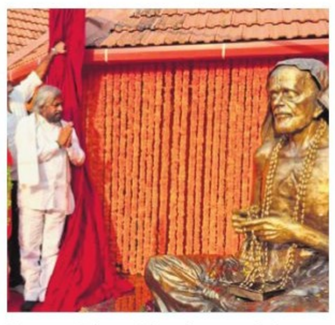
KARNATAKA Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar B Khandre on Monday instructed forest officials to further strengthen safety protocols for frontline personnel and to initiate swift, stringent action against recent encroachments on forest land.

Khandre said frontline staff are pivotal to forest conservation and must be provided with adequate protective gear.

He directed officials to supply equipment such as electric shock sticks, rain-protection jackets and appropriate footwear to personnel deployed in challenging field conditions.

The minister also sought a detailed account of housing arrangements for members of elephant task forces, anti-poaching squads and other frontline teams. He further ordered that personnel assigned to hazardous duties be granted the risk allowance and welfare benefits due to them.

Addressing a review meeting of the Forest and Environment Department in Udupi, Khandre reiterated the government's "zero tolerance" stance on encroachments. He directed officials to prevent any fresh encroachments and to remove all encroachments that have come up after 2015. He noted that affidavits submitted earlier indicated that close to 2 lakh acres of forest land had already been encroached upon prior to 2015. While he stated that families occupying less than three acres for livelihood purposes, including claimants of patta land, would not be evicted until the government makes alternative arrangements, officials were instructed to commence action against encroachments exceeding three acres.



Minister Eshwar Khandre unveils Sri Viswesha Theertha Smruthi Vana at Neelavara in Brahmavara taluk of Udupi district on Monday | EXPRESS

On pending forest notification matters, Khandre directed officials to fast-track the process for declaring approximately 2,000 acres, covered under Section 17, as notified forest.

He said a special officer would be appointed to resolve long-pending forest notification cases in the Mangaluru Circle, where 55 cases spanning 6,144.99 hectares remain unresolved.

POLITICAL THEATRE

TIMMAPUR PROMISES LONG-TERM POLICY BOOST FOR ALCO-BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

BENGALURU: Excise Minister RB Timmapur on Monday said that the state government is committed to providing long-term policy stability and regulatory visibility for the alco-beverage industry till 2030. The department is keen on helping breweries being set up to promote tourism. Speaking at the 'ICC Brewery & Distillery Conclave & Awards 2026' organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Timmapur said, "We are moving towards a more transparent, technology-enabled, and industry-friendly ecosystem through simplified label approvals, streamlined declared price and MRP updation systems, digital compliance mechanisms, annual licence renewal reforms, and operational rationalisation measures." "Karnataka today generates nearly Rs 40,000 crore excise revenue annually, underlining the alco-bev sector's importance to the state economy and industrial ecosystem," he said. ENS

Karnataka's total installed capacity of renewable energy has reached 21.97 GW by the end of March 2026, reveals a report released by the Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited. Tumakuru tops the districts in renewable energy generation, followed by Gadag, Vijayapura, Chitradurga, Koppal and Belagavi

CM launches upgraded 108 emergency control room

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday inaugurated the upgraded state government-run 108 Emergency Service Command and Control Centre here, calling it the first integrated emergency response system of its kind in the country.

The system, launched under the slogan, "One call to us, emergency service to you," aims at strengthening emergency healthcare services across the state through the use of advanced technology and centralised coordination.

Siddaramaiah said the initiative reflects the government's commitment to ensuring timely and reliable healthcare during emergencies. Stressing the importance of the "golden hour" after accidents, he said immediate treatment within the first hour significantly increases the chances of survival.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the 108 ambulance service that was launched in 2008 is now under the government's control. Earlier, it was run by a private organisation.

He said the government decided to modernise the system in view of frequent technical challenges and cancelled tenders. Several international models, including Singapore's emergency response system, were studied before implementing this upgraded network. Software for it was developed by government-owned C-DAC and initially tested in Chamarajanagar district before its statewide launch.

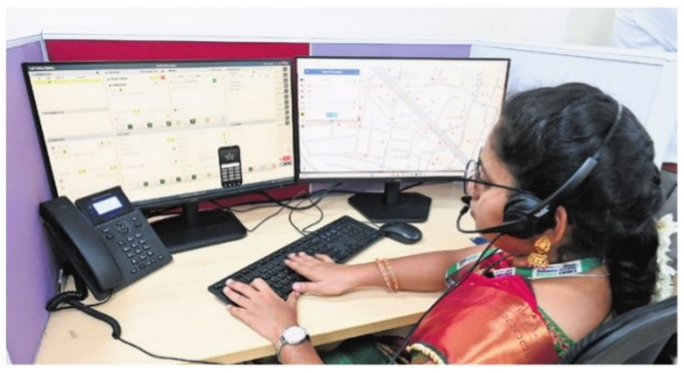
The system will have a 24/7 monitoring system, GPS-enabled ambulance tracking, real-time dispatch management and Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) devices installed in ambulances. Through MDTs, technicians can directly communicate with doctors during emergencies, while hospitals receive advance alerts regarding incoming patients.

"There will be a tracking system similar to Uber and Ola. With its integration with e-Sanjeevani, technicians in ambulances can directly obtain guidance from doctors," Rao said.

He said the system can identify the nearest hospital based on the patient's condition. Calling it a model initiative, he said Karnataka currently operates 715 ambulances under the 108 service and plans to integrate 'Nagu Magu' ambulances with the system in the coming days.

Expressing concerns over rising treatment costs in private hospitals, he said poor families struggle to get procedures such as bone marrow, liver and kidney transplants. "Treatment facilities in government hospitals should not be inferior to private hospitals," he added.

Rajajinagar MLA Suresh Kumar stressed the importance of empathy in healthcare and said advanced technology alone is not enough to save lives.



An executive in action at the revamped 108 Emergency Service Command and Control Centre in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Public consultation for civic projects must: Experts

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AFTER Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-Smile) invited tenders for the elevated corridor project worth hundreds of crores of rupees without public consultation, civil society members and experts are arguing that public consultation is legally mandated.

Prashanth Mirle, a Karnataka High Court advocate and an expert on property tax in municipal corporations, stated that as public projects involve land acquisition, it has become mandatory for civic agencies and the government to compulsorily hold a public discussion. "In case of land acquisition, the owners have to be rehabilitated or compensated as per the 2013 Land Acquisition Act. Public consultation on multi-crore public projects is a must. However, the agencies bypass this process and create documents to justify their actions," said Mirle.

Prof Ashish Verma from Indian Institute of Science says, "A majority of developed countries prioritise public consultation on different stages of public projects as it reflects on comprehensive mobility. Currently, the predominant practice is the government order for civic agencies to push public projects without giving preference to public consultation. We don't know whether such a project helps the public or addresses the day-to-day challenge of mobility and others." He added that the whole planning process does not take the larger interest of the public into account.

The experts expressed resentment over alleged remarks from B-Smile officials defending their action, by stating that the agency is not mandated to hold any such public consultation over big-ticket projects.

While experts press for public consultation, a senior urban activist junked the idea, stating that many resident welfare association members waste the opportunity by asking mediocre or stereotypical questions and defeating the purpose.

"Two senior members of a residential welfare association from Bengaluru South City Corporation had come to Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, and instead of sticking to the point, were asking for the name and background of a senior official," the activist said.

Four, including two pedestrians, killed in mishaps

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FOUR people, including two pedestrians, died in separate accidents in the city since Sunday night, police sources said.

In the first case, an unidentified man aged around 40 died after a speeding car knocked him down near Gowardhan Theatre under the Yeshwanthpur traffic police limits early Sunday morning.

Ravi (35), a resident of Devanahalli, died after he was hit by a two-wheeler near Meenakunte under Chikkajala traffic police limits at around 8.50pm. Vishal (30), a and resident of Sheshadri-puram, died after his two-wheeler skidded on the road near the CID office on Palace Road under the Cubbon Park traffic police station limits. In another accident, Christo Pinto, 22, a native of Mangaluru who was residing in Bagalur, died and his brother sustained injuries after a car hit their two-wheeler near Kogilu Cross Road in Yelahanka traffic police limits.

BIAL Chairman Hari Marar hands over a cheque to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

KSIIDC gets ₹16.5-crore dividend from BIAL

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah, on behalf of Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC), received a dividend cheque (for 2025-26) for Rs 16.5 crore on Monday from Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL). KSIIDC holds a 13% stake in BIAL.

BIAL Chairman Hari Marar handed over the cheque to the CM at a meeting attended by Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and KSIIDC Managing Director Khushbu Goel. Patil announced that BIAL declared a dividend of Rs 3 per share for 2025-26, which after deduction of taxes, stood at Rs 14.84 crore.

"BIAL declared a dividend for the first time since 2017-18. In the intervening years, the company reinvested its profits in major projects such as infrastructure development and capacity expansion to strengthen operations at Kempegowda International Airport," he said.

EXPRESS READ

SPARSH Hospitals on Hennur Road records 50k OPD visits in 1 year

BENGALURU: As SPARSH Hospitals on Hennur Road completed one year of operations, the hospital recorded over 50,000 OPD footfall, 6,000 health check-ups, 2,000 surgeries, 1,000 cath lab procedures, 3,500 dialysis sessions and 2,800 CT and MRI scans. The hospital said the increasing patient volumes indicates a shift towards accessing advanced healthcare services closer to home, especially as North-East Bengaluru continues to grow through expanding residential areas, IT corridors and improved airport connectivity. Over the past year, the hospital also reported a rise in surgical procedures across Oncology, Orthopedics, Neurosciences, Urology, and General Surgery. It conducted more than 600 radiation therapy sessions, 800 chemotherapy sessions, 120 PET scans and 750 endoscopy procedures. Rahul Tewari, cluster COO of SPARSH Hospital, Hennur Road and Yelahanka, said the hospital's first-year experience reflected the evolving healthcare needs of the region. **ENS**

CRIME PATROL

MASON KILLS FRIEND DURING DRUNKEN BRAWL IN WHITEFIELD, ARRESTED

BENGALURU: The Whitefield police have arrested a mason for allegedly beating a 59-year-old man to death during a drunken brawl at Kundalahalli on Sunday night. The deceased, Mehboob Basha, living alone in a rented house at Kundalahalli, and the accused Sundar Murthy (26) were friends and worked as masons. The police initially suspected that Mehboob Basha fell near his house due to intoxication and died. His daughter, who lives in Ramamurthy Nagar, had also mentioned about his alcohol addiction. Based on the complaint, police registered an Unnatural Death Report. The victim's daughter, however, raised suspicion over his death, prompting police to begin an investigation. During the probe, police questioned two labourers residing near the crime scene, who revealed that the duo got into an argument while under the influence of alcohol, which later turned physical. Murthy hit Basha on the head with a wooden log, causing his death. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, Sri.K. Gopala raju S/o Late Kupparaju A.S., residing at No.104, R.V. Layout, K.P. West Layout, behind Garuda Autocraft, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore 560 020 I Main, II cross, Ramachandrapuram, Sriramapuram, Bangalore is the absolute owner of the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owner/attorney. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.RH256, in the Arkavathi layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) carved out of Sy No.103/4, situated at Rachenahalli Village, at 11th Block, having PID No.6000088613 measuring East to West 9.00 Meters and North to South 12.00 meters, admeasuring 108.00 Square meters and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.RH257,
West by : Site No.RH255,
North by : Road,
South by : Road.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPEAL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC REGARDING LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

My client Kusuma Cunningham, D/o. Late. T.D. Obalappa, residing at No. 589, 10th Cross, 7th Main, J.P. Nagar 3rd Phase, Bengaluru 560078 is the absolute owner and in peaceful possession of property bearing site No. 589, PID No.1457185629 situated at 10th Cross, 3rd Phase, J.P. Nagar (earlier known as Sarakki Extension), Bangalore measuring East to West 18.29 meters and North to South 27.42 meters totally measuring 501.69 sq meters and same is bounded on East by Property bearing CITB No. 588, West by Property bearing CITB No. 690, North by Road and South by Property bearing CITB No. 604.

That on 01/10/2020 the original documents pertaining to said property were lost/misplaced. Inspite of best efforts she could not find the original documents mentioned below.

a. Original Allotment Letter dated 17/02/1976/12/03/1976 bearing No.B-9/589/SRK-III/1975-76 issued by the Chairman, CITB.
b. Original Possession Certificate dated 24/02/1984 bearing PR No. 463/81-82 issued by BDA in favour of Mr. T.D. Obalappa.
c. Original Lease cum Sale Agreement dated 03/02/1982 duly executed by BDA in favour of Mr. T.D. Obalappa, registered as document No. 6545/1981-82 book 1, Volume. 1790, pages. 142-144 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk.
d. Original Sale Deed dated 11/08/1997, registered as document No. 6004/1997-98, book 1, Volume. 1680, pages. 23-24 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.

I request the general public to return the original documents if found to anyone to the address mentioned below. I would also bring to the notice of the general public that if any person/ institution is having any objection for selling the schedule property by my client shall file their objections, if any WITHIN SEVEN DAYS from the date of this notice. Else, it will be considered as there will be no objection from anybody whatsoever.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
MR. SIDDHARTHA SEN Loan A/c No. 412200000261 Symbolic Possession Date : 22/05/2026	20/05/2025	Rs. 2302363.00	SCHEDULE - A All that piece and parcel of the properties bearing (1) Sy.No.5/3, measuring 2 Acres 27 Guntas of Land (2) Sy.No.46, measuring 2 Acres of Land (3) Sy.No.47, measuring 2 Acres of Land and (40 Sy.No.48, measuring 2 Acres of Land, totally measuring 8 Acres 27 Guntas of Land Excluding Kharab, situated at Andhapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, converted for ono agricultural residentioal purpose through the conversion order bearing No. BDS/ALN/SR(A)66/2001-02, DATED 26.02.2003 DATED 26.2.2003 AND BOUNDED ON: East by: Property bearing Sy.Nos.46 & 5/4, West by: Property bearing Sy.Nos. 49 & 5/1, North by: Property bearing Sy. Nos. 5/2,.5/4 & 5/5, South by: Property bearing Sy. No. 45. SCHEDULE – B : All that residential Apartment bearing No. HF 208, in First Floor in Block 'H' of 'ITTINA NEELA" built in Schedule 'A' mproeprty and measuring 660 Sq.ft., of super built uip area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas together with 198 Sq.ft. undivided share, right, title interest and ownership in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property, and in the said apartment the doors are made of flush and steel windows and mosaic flooring.
MR. MUKESH KUMAR Loan A/c No. 410600006546 Symbolic Possession Date :22/05/2026	20/05/2025	Rs. 2264516.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of land and building Site No.413, Khata No.413/1, Situated at Venkataswamy Garden, Bangalore measuring 18' X 25' and bounded on the following boundaries: East by: Site No.406, West by: 20th Main Road, North by: Site No.414, South by: Site NO.412.
MR. S PARAMESHWARA MR. MUNIRAJU N (GUARANTOR) Loan A/c No. 412200000431 Symbolic Possession Date : 22/05/2026	20/05/2025	Rs. 2375549.02	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site no 11, Rainbow residency Phase 1 in sy no. 125, (vide conversion order no ALN(A)SR/320, 321/2004-05, dated 05.01.2005 issued by special deputy commissioner, Bangalore) BMRDA/LAO/158/2005/06 situated at Rainbow Residency Kithiganahalli Village , Attibele hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District ,measuring (1119 sft) and bounded on; East by: Site No.12, West by: site no 10, North by: 30 feet road, South by: private property.
Ms. N SUBHASHINI Loan A/c No. 411900018091 Symbolic Possession Date : 22/05/2026	10/01/2025	Rs. 11123975	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcelof the Residentially converted lands bearing Survey Nos. 53/1 and 54, admeasuring 9 Acres, situated at Kasavanhalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East (formerly South) Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural/ residential purposes vide Official Memorandum No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)270/91-92, Dated: 20/04/1992 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner and presently bearing BBMP Katha No. 2970/1, Kasavanahalli Grama, Bellandur Sub-Division, and bounded by :- East by: Remaining portion of Sy No. 53/1 and 54, West by : Property of Military North by : Road, South by: Property of Military. SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (Hereby conveyed to the Purchaser) : 407 Square Feet of Undivided share, right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the Land described in the Schedule "A" hereinabove. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : (Hereby conveyed to the Purchaser) : A Three Bedroom Apartment bearing No. G1810 Seventeenth Floor, Block No. G, of the Residential Apartment Complex known as "EVERGREENS" (OZONE) Apartment constructed on the schedule "A" Property, measuring 1216 Square Feet Super built-up area together with proportionate share in common areas, passage, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and exclusive right to use the 1No. of covered car park, flooring-vitrified tiles, the property Now comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 150 (Bellandur), Katha No. 1410/3179/2970/1/g-1810, PID No. 3179/2970/1/G-1810, Bangalore

Place: Bangalore
Date: 26.05.2026

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Vidyagiri police have registered a POCSO case against a resident of Dharwad on charges of sexually abusing a 14-old-girl. Police said the accused Khajasab took the girl to a deserted place and seduced her. He had earlier befriended her and used to tell her love stories. Police arrested Khajasab and found photographs of the victim in his mobile

SC junks iron ore firm's plea against forest clearance conditions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Ballari

THE Supreme Court (SC) dismissed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by Sandur Manganese and Iron Ores Limited (SMIORE) challenging the conditions imposed by the Karnataka government for extension of forest clearance (FC) for its mining lease in Ballari.

A Bench comprising Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih declined to interfere with the Karnataka High Court order, which had upheld the government's demand notice issued to the company. The HC had earlier ruled that the demand notice issued by the government was legally valid and that the relief sought by the petitioner could not be granted. It had also upheld the levy of charges and land transfer requirements under the Forest Conservation Act.

With the dismissal of the plea, SMIORE will now have to provide 714.90 hectares of compensatory forest land and pay Rs 131.25 crore towards compensatory afforestation charges to the forest department.

The company had contended that the communication issued by the Ballari Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) on June 20, 2025, directing it to comply with the guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Environment, forest and climate change.

The dispute pertains to SMIORE's mining operations in the Swamimalai and Ramandurg forest regions of Sandur taluk. The forest clearance for the mining area, spread across 142.58 hectares, is set to expire in December 2026, while the mining lease itself remains valid till December 2033.

Seeking extension of the forest clearance till 2033, the company approached the Union Forest Ministry. However, the State government issued a demand notice directing the company to provide alternative forest land and pay compensatory afforestation charges.

Before the High Court, SMIORE argued that the mining area had been in use even before the enactment of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, and therefore, under the Centre's 2015 guidelines, it was exempt from providing compensatory forest land or paying additional charges. The company had also sought directions for extension of the forest clearance till 2033.

> **The demand notice issued by the government was legally valid and the relief sought by the petitioner could not be granted** —High Court

MASTER OF LITERARY ARTS

President Droupadi Murmu confers the Padma Bhushan on Karnataka scholar Shatavadhani Dr R Ganesh at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Monday. He was awarded for his exceptional contribution to literary aesthetics, prosody, and keeping this ancient art form alive | PTI

B'luru to host 1st national AI & digital water summit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BANGALORE Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is set to host India's first and largest National AI and Digital Water Summit 2026 in Bengaluru on Wednesday, bringing together global experts, policymakers, technology leaders, startups, and urban planners to deliberate on the future of intelligent urban water management, said BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar.

The summit comes at a time when cities across the world are facing growing challenges arising from climate change, rapid urbanisation, groundwater depletion, and increasing pressure on civic infrastructure. BWSSB aims to position Bengaluru as a leading model for technology-driven and sustainable urban water governance.

The summit will be formally inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar.

"The summit is organised by BWSSB and Elets Technomedia. This will serve as a major national platform to discuss solutions in AI-driven water governance, smart utility systems, digital twins, IoT-enabled monitoring, predictive analytics, wastewater reuse, and sustainable financing models," he said.

A major highlight of the summit will be the presentation of BWSSB's digital transformation initiatives, including large-scale deployment of SCADA systems, GIS mapping, IoT-enabled tanker tracking, and smart metering platforms that are being implemented across Bengaluru.

The summit will also showcase BWSSB's ambitious "Five Panchasutras" framework for future urban water governance, focusing on artificial intelligence, data-driven governance, smart infrastructure, sustainable investments, and climate-resilient water security systems. This summit will become a global platform for innovation, collaboration, and future-ready urban water solutions, said Manohar.

EXPRESS READ

Warder arrested for smuggling tobacco into Mysuru prison

A warder attached to Mysuru Central Prison was arrested for allegedly attempting to smuggle tobacco products into the prison premises. The accused HR Ramesh was assigned the duty of escorting inmates with health issues to the prison hospital. A copy of which is available with TNIE, prison authorities became alert when they saw CCTV of Ramesh interacting with a prisoner, identified as Syed Shakib alias Panipuri, near the kitchen inside prison compound. Following this, they kept watch on him. Assistant Jailor N Shivakumar, in the presence of Jailor SB Kundarananda, frisked Ramesh when he attempted to enter the prison premises. They recovered three packets of shredded tobacco, two packets of filter tobacco pow-der and four packets of beedis he had conc-ealed inside his innerwear and socks. **ENS**

I am also an aspirant for upcoming RS polls: DVS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

FORMER Union minister **DV Sadananda Gowda** on Monday said that he too is an aspirant for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections and has conveyed his interest to the BJP high command. Speaking to reporters during his visit to Mysuru, Gowda, also a former CM, said that he had already retired from electoral politics but would continue to discharge any responsibility assigned by the party.

"I have informed the party high command that I am also an aspirant for the Rajya Sabha. However, I will abide by whatever decision the BJP high command takes," he said.

On speculation over a change in the BJP state leadership, he said the decision rests entirely with the party high command. He said that current state BJP president BY Vijayendra has been actively strengthening the party organisation and still has one more year left in his tenure. "If any change is required, our leaders will decide internally. I have no personal opinion on the matter," he added.

Defending the recent increase in petrol and diesel prices, Gowda said the issue was linked to the larger global economic crisis. He said that fuel prices had risen only marginally in India compared to several other countries.

On the Congress' opposition to the SIR exercise in Karnataka, he alleged that the ruling Congress government was attempting to divert public attention from its "three years of poor governance". "Corruption is rampant in the state. If elections are held now, Congress will struggle to win even 50 seats. That is why they are opposing everything," he said. On the issue of illegal hoarding of fertilisers, Gowda said the Union Government was supplying fertilisers to farmers at affordable rates through subsidies. However, some traders were illegally stockpiling fertilisers, including urea, to create an artificial shortage.

'Better power options for consumers'

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ENERGY Department Secretary Gaurav Gupta said, "A new agency is coming forward for the same clientele. It is permitted under the Act, but terms and conditions apply."

Experts said this will give consumers better options and also bring in healthy competition and professionalism that will improve the power network.

Muralidhar Rao, power expert and civic activist, said privatisation will ensure that there is a reduction in transmission and distribution losses because of better infrastructure. "It has been noted that wherever private agencies are involved, power interruptions become a rare occurrence," he added. Rao had gone before the High Court with a PIL (WP-15147/2022) seeking privatisation of the power sector.

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For details, please visit the website of MSTC i.e www.mstcecommerce.com .

OIPR- 30001/30005/1/26-27/0027 **Sd/- CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (S&M)**

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Traffic Commercial Department, 2nd Floor, Shanthinagar TTMC, K.H. Road,Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
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Last date for submission of bids	**15.06.2026 up to 17:00 hrs.**
Date of Opening Technical and Financial bids	**16.06.2026 at 17:05 hrs.**

For further details on license fees, EMD, Area and other conditions log on to: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Contact no: **09240214000, 09240214001, 22371090, 22340060, 22340948 or 7760997519 & 7760991222** E-mail: **ctmc@mybmtc.com**
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PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
No.MD/SHS/TECH-123/2026/632
Dated, the 21st May, 2026
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE (e-TCN)
Name of the Work: **"Providing Assistance for Monitoring Maintenance Dredging Operation and Assisting Hydrographic Survey and other Miscellaneous works of Hydrographic Survey Division, Marine Department, PPA for a period of 03(three) years".** Estimated cost : **Rs.1,21,73,911/-** Plus GST. Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is **17:00 Hours on Dt.11.06.2026.** For details, please log on to the Website: **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**
Sd/- Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/10/2026-2027 dtd. 25.05.2026

WESTERN RAILWAY
PROVISION OF LIFTS
Sr.DEE/P/BCT invites **E-Tender Notice No: EL-166-160-WA-84 (R-1) dt.21-05-2026 (Two Packet System). Work and Location: Mumbai Division (Non Suburban Section):-** Provision of Lifts (27 Nos) on Foot Over Bridges of stations (Composite tender for Electrical and Civil work). **Approx. Cost of Work:** ₹ 17,09,47,471.81. **EMD:** ₹ 34,19,000/-. **Date & Time of Submission:** Till 16.06.2026, 15:00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening:** On 16.06.2026 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** 0152
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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general Public this Notice is hereby given on behalf of Our client, ICICI Bank Limited, having a Branch office at Sobha Pearl, No.1 Commissariat Road, Bangalore, (Our Client/Bank) represents that the **Original Possession certificate dated 11.11.1955 bearing P.R.No/4 issued by the then City Improvement Trust Board, in respect of Site No 328, Block No III Jayanagar, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, to K.R.Mruthynjaya Sastry ("Deed")** is misplaced / lost during transit of document and the aforesaid Deed is not traceable, in spite of best efforts.
Any person(s) coming into possession of the aforesaid Deed /or any person(s) who is/are having knowledge of the whereabouts of the Deed, are hereby requested to intimate the undersigned forthwith, about the same at the below address.
Public are warned not to deal with the Deed and any person receiving or dealing with the said Deed would do so at their own risk and responsibility (including criminal liability) and our client shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such person(s) on account of any such unauthorized dealing.
In the event no information is received **within 7 days** from date hereof, our Client will proceed to take necessary actions, such as applying to concerned authorities for issue of duly Certified True Copy / Duplicate Copy of the Deed.
M/s R & P Partners, (Rangarajan & Prabhakaran) Advocates & Solicitors, S 307, Manipal Centre, South Block, 3rd Floor, No 47, Dickenson Road, Bangalore- 560042
Contact : 78931 45110 & 70223 60371
Email: rapadv.law1992@gmail.com

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)
ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT(ARM) II BRANCH,
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001
Email: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of Security Intrest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured creditors the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore,** of the Canara will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **17.06.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowes. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Neme of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Incremetal Value at Bid
1) M/s. Balaji Fashions, Registered Office at : # 202, New Bel Road, Opp. : HP Petrol Bunk, Bangalore-560094. **2) Mr. Ajay Agarwal** S/o. Om Prakash Agarwal, # C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560069. **3) Mrs. Neha Agarwal** W/o. Ajay Agarwal, # C-401, Brindavan Apartments, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560069.	**Rs. 4,53,06,926.24** (Rupees Four Crore Fifty Three Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty six and Twenty four paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 03.05.2026 and other expenses, other charges, etc.	7 No.s of residential flats at Apartment Named " Bonsal Apartment" at Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068. Property In the name of Mr. Ajay Agarwal. **Details of flat wise is given below :**	**17.06.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 16.06.2026.**	Multiples of Rs. 50.000/- Encumbrance (s) : Not Known

Sl. No.	Flat No.	Floor	SBA (Sq. Ft.)	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
01	E-10	4th	465.48	Rs.9,43,000/-	Rs. 94,300
02	E-13	5th	478.12	Rs.9,68,000/-	Rs. 96,800/-
03	E-14	5th	465.48	Rs.9,43,000/-	Rs. 94,300/-
04	E-15	5th	465.48	Rs.9,43,000/-	Rs. 94,300/-
05	C-01	1st	478.12	Rs.9,68,000/-	Rs. 96,800/-
06	C-02	1st	465.48	Rs.9,43,000/-	Rs.94,300/-
07	D-13	5th	478.12	Rs.9,68,000/-	Rs. 96,800/-
TOTAL			3296.28	Rs.66,76,000/-	Rs. 6,67,600/-

Other terms and Conditions :
a. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or **before 16.06.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or Email. i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bid Form.
The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com,**
EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest.
f. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs. 50,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, **A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.**
h. For sale proceeds of **Rs. 50.00 Lacs** (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable rate on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM II, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
l. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
m. After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.
For further details contact : Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2 (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9464534482, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com
Special Instruction/Caution
Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/ alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.
Date : 22.05.2026 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client **Mr. YESHWANTH V** S/o Sri.Vishwanath M K, residing at Thimmarayaswamy Nilaya, 1st Cross Kempalakkanna Layout, New Police Station Road K.R. Puram, Bangalore-560036, has irretrievably lost/misplaced the **Original Sale Deed**, dated 23/07/2019, registered as document No.KRI-1-03710-2019-20, before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagara (Krishnarajapuram), Bangalore District, in respect of all that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat bearing No.404 in the fourth floor, containing Two Bedrooms, in the Multistoried Residential Building named " **AASHKA ADITH ENCLAVE**", measuring 950 Sq.ft of Super built area, including common area together with One Covered Car Parking Space, along with 212 square feet of undivided share in the land, the building is constructed with brick and cement walls, RCC roofing hone wood doors and windows lift mosaic tiles flooring with electricity, water and sanitary facility and provided with power backup, Kaveri Water, BWSSB, BESCOM facilities constructed on Site No.A-39, BBMP Katha No.393 and site No.B-39, BBMP Katha No.394, Survey No.101, situated at Kamadhenu Nagara, 1st stage, B.Narayanapura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Earlier Bangalore south Taluk) Now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, ward No.55, Bangalore Measuring East to West on the Northern Side 71 feet, on the Southern Side 68 feet, and North to South on the Eastern Side:71 feet, on the western Side:50 feet, in all measuring 4237.937 Sq.ft which is more fully described in **SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY** and flat along with undivided share of land is more fully described in **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY.**
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.A-39, BBMP Katha No.393 and site No.B-39, BBMP Katha No.394, Survey No.101, situated at Kamadhenu Nagara, 1st stage, B.Narayanapura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Earlier Bangalore south Taluk) Now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, ward No.55, Bangalore Measuring East to West on the Northern Side 71 feet, on the Southern Side 68 feet, and North to South on the Eastern Side:71 feet, on the western Side:50 feet, in all measuring 4237.937 Sq.ft and bounded on
East by: Land belongs to Society (Galli Road left by the Society); West by: Land belongs to Society (Galli Road left by the Society) North by: Land belongs to Society and B.Narayanapura Village; South by: Road
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No. 404 in the fourth floor, containing Two Bedrooms, in the Multistoried Residential Building named " AASHKA ADITH ENCLAVE" built in Schedule 'A' Property having built up area of 950 square feet including common area together with One Covered Car Parking Space in the apartment out of the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY and along with 212 square feet of undivided share in the land out of the Schedule 'A 'Property, the building is constructed with brick and cement walls, RCC roofing hone wood doors and windows lift mosaic tiles flooring with electricity, water and sanitary facility and provided with power backup, Kaveri Water, BWSSB,BESCOM Facilities.
The said property is absolutely free from all sorts of encumbrances; in this regard a complaint has also been lodged before the jurisdictional Police Station, Bangalore.
Any other Persons having any claim, charge, interest, right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence **within 7 days** from this day to the undersigned. The finder of the aforesaid original deeds is requested to hand it over to the aforesaid owner.
SNR ASSOCIATES, Advocates, Flat No.402, Fourth Floor, "Samaikyaa's K.K.Veni Plaza" B.Narayanapura, White Field Main Road, Bangalore – 560 016. Owner Mobile No.7338123333/9108112233

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the agricultural land morefully setout in the schedule given below and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property", from its owner, Sri. R. Nagraj, Son of late Sri. Ramkrishnappa, Residing at No.#789 Sai Nivas, 3rd Main Road, 10th Cross, RBI Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore -560078 and others ("Owner").
Any person(s) having any claim, right, title, interest, mortgage, charge, encumbrance, lien, lease, tenancy, or any other objection with respect to the schedule property is hereby called upon to make such claims known in writing, along with supporting documents, to the undersigned **within 07 (SEVEN) days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be deemed that there are no claims or encumbrances on the said property, and the transaction shall proceed accordingly.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing New Sy.No.81 measuring 20 guntas, situated at Hosakote Village, Hoskote Taluk, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on
East by : Chotu Sab Home
West by : Road
North by : Houses in Sy.No.80
South by : Road.
Together with all easement rights, water courses and right of access, etc.
Sd/- **D. MANJUNATH**, Advocate
MM LAW CHAMBERS
No. 15/18, 1st Floor, 12th 'A' Cross, 4th Main, Sampangiramanagar, Bangalore-560027. Mobile: 9448089575
e-mail:advmanjunath71@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client intends to Purchase the Schedule Property from **MR. DEEPAK A.L.,** who claims to be the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and apart from him, no other person/s has/have any right, title, interest and/or claim/s in or upon the Schedule Property. If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me within 7 [seven] days from the date of this publication along with document/s in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my Client will proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing House No. L-5, L type in Sector XIV situated at LIC Colony, Kodihalli Village in Jeevan Bhima Nagar, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore, site measuring East to West 6 Metres and North to South 19.50 Meters total measuring 117 Sq. Metrs, with a building thereon of 107.94 Sq. Metrs., with cement and brick walls, teak wood doors and steel windows with mosaic flooring and bounded on the ;
EAST BY : House No. L-6;
WEST BY : House No. L-4 ;
NORTH BY : 10th Main Road; and
SOUTH BY : House No. L-10
Mr. DEEPAK K. DAVE, Advocate
No. 1, Palace Road, Bengaluru Palace Compound, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-560 052.
Phone : 98440 90500

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client **Mr.R. LOKESH BABU** S/o Sri. M. G. Ramakrishna Reddy, residing at No.58, B. Narayanapura, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560008 has irretrievably lost/misplaced the **Original Sale Deed**, dated 25/06/1992, registered as document No.1935/1992-93, in Book-1,Volume No.555, at Pages No.95 to 98, before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, in respect of all that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No.38, BBMP E-Katha PID No.4674731084, Old HAL Sanitary Board Katha No.284/2, ARO/HAL/WSI/KTR/192/2021-22, Measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South : 27+27.9/2 feet , in all measuring 1098 sqft Situated at Kaggadasapura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, comes under BBMP Limits, Now comes under GBA limits, Bangalore, and bounded on:- East by: 20 feet Road; West by: Property bearing Site No.25; North by: Private Property; South by: Property bearing Site No.37. The said property is absolutely free from all sorts of encumbrances; in this regard a complaint has also been lodged before the jurisdictional Police Station, Bangalore.
Any other Persons having any claim, charge, interest, right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence **within 15 days** from this day to the undersigned. The finder of the aforesaid original deeds is requested to hand it over to the aforesaid owner.
SNR ASSOCIATES, Advocates, Flat No.402, Fourth Floor, "Samaikyaa's K.K.Veni Plaza" B.Narayanapura, White Field Main Road, Bangalore – 560 016. Mob:**7892219991**

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that my client is desirous to purchase the under mentioned Schedule Property from its present owners **Mr. M KODANDARAMA,** Son of Munireddy M & **Mrs. NANDINI K,** Daughter of **M Kodandarama,** which they have jointly Purchased the same from **Mr. M. Sivakumar,** Son of Mallesh Reddy, vide under **Absolute Sale Deed dated: 29-09-2023,** Registered as document no. **BMH-1-08508-2023-24,** Book-1, Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Jayanagar, (Bommanahalli), Bangalore.
Any body claiming any manner of right, title, claim, lien or interest in and over the Schedule Property and having any objection for the said Sale transaction or claim/s of any nature in respect of the under mentioned Schedule Property shall write to the undersigned along with the documentary proof, within (15 Days) from the date of this Publication. Non receipt of objection/s within the said period my client deems and presumes that there are no objections or claims from any person/s, and my client shall proceed to complete the Sale Transaction and objections if any received thereafter shall not be binding upon my client.
"SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY"
All that Piece and Parcel of immovable Property bearing No. 21, formed in Sy No.35/1, E-Khatha No. 150200300600122093, Old Khatha No. 308, Old Janjar No. 118/1) Situated at "KONAPPANA AGRAHARA VILLAGE' Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes under the limits of Konappana Agrahara Gram Panchayath, Measuring East to West : 40 feet, & North to South : 44+47/2 feet, in all totally measuring : 1820 Square Feet's, along with Commercial building constructed thereon, and bounded on: East by: Property bearing No.22, West by : 20 feet Road, North by : Coconut Farm & South by : Property bearing No.20,
Sd/- **N.A. LAW ASSOCIATES**
Office at No: 1/1, 10th Main, 13th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560030.
(M) 9845276445 / 7736001666
Email: nalawassociates79@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
This universal publication of this notice to inform the General Public at large our client **Sri. Dr. M.C. Naveen Kumar,** Aged about 61 Years, a permanent resident of # 2, 1st Main Road, HIG Dollars Colony, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560094, is intending as a prospective purchaser of the below described schedule property from the present legal Owners Sri. Dinesh B., Son of Sri. Bhikam Chand and Smt. Deepu Wife of Sri. Dinesh B., both are residents of Sri Ganesh Nivas, # 555, 1st Floor, 9th Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, on primary scrutiny and verification of the title deeds its legal obligatory to find correctness of legal parameters to establish as the above said vendors are the owners of the below described schedule property.
The above cited owners represents that both of them are the legal owners apart from them there are no other person/s, having any ownership, right, title or interest in respect of the below described schedule property in all the manner. If any person/s, institutions, constitutional authorities if possessive of any rights pertaining to the below described schedule property may lodge their respective claim/s with valid legal documents to establish their proof in particular to their claim/s to establish ownership/lien or any rights, are hereby required to send their claim to the undersigned within Ten days from the date of publication of this public notice in the larger extent of the universe accordingly if any valid claim/s received after the above said period will not be considered, failing which our client will conclude the sale transaction in their favour.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
The entire piece and parcel of the site bearing No.4, which is carved and formed in the larger extent of the Old Sy. No.92/2, New Resurvey No.92/4, duly converted to non-agriculture industrial utility by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru vide Order No.A.L.N.S.R. (N.Y) 21/08-09 dated : 11/11/2008, being situated at Kannalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk presently within the territorial administration jurisdiction of Kodigehalli Village Panchayath (comprising of Kannahalli Village) property E-Khata No.150200200300120163, measuring to an extent of from East to West 23.21+23.22/2 Meters and from North to South 22.59+22.30/2 Meters and vice versa in all measuring 521.06 Sq. Meters with built up 12 Meters of Industrial Building and bounded on:
East by : Site No. Ind. Area-5
West by : Sy. No.92/4 Karab Land
North by : 12.2 Meters wide Road
South by : Private Land bearing No.92/2
Place : Bengaluru **Date :** May, 25, 2026
Sri. Jayaprakash Reddy & Associates
B.G. Chandramouli Advocates
And International Arbitrators
LAW Nexus,
No.21/1, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru -560020.
Mobile : 98452 22059, 98453 90002
Email : cmbglawer@gmail.com, c.bg@rediffmail.com,

98k devotees throng Tirumala A record number of devotees thronged the Tirumala temple on Sunday, with 98,058 pilgrims having darshan of Lord Venkateswara

3 AIADMK MLAs resign, join TVK

EPS lashes out at 'fraud jobs' of TN govt

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

IN a rapid development that deepened the AIADMK's internal turmoil, three of its MLAs who backed the TVK government in the May 13 confidence vote resigned from the Assembly and joined the ruling party on Monday.

Speaker JCD Prabhakar accepted the resignations of Maragatham Kumaravel (Madurantakam constituency), P Sathyabama (Dharapuram) and KS Jayakumar (Perundurai), saying that due process was followed. Madurantakam and Dharapuram are reserved constituencies. While the three constituencies are expected to be declared vacant soon by the Assembly secretariat, speculations are rife that a few more AIADMK MLAs may also resign and join TVK. They may contest the by-elections on a TVK ticket. With the resignation of the three MLAs, the total strength of the House has come down to 230, thereby lowering the simple majority needed to clear a trust vote to 116.

The move triggered strong criticism from the AIADMK, DMK, PMK, AMMK and even VCK, which had joined the TVK government only a few days earlier. AIADMK chief Edappadi K Palaniswami lashed out at the "fraud jobs" of the TVK government, and said the TVK is engaging in unethical manoeuvres to protect its minority government. He claimed that the three AIADMK MLAs were made to resign in the speaker's chamber and were inducted into TVK within minutes as part of a preplanned conspiracy.

An AIADMK functionary, close to party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, told TNIE, "It is clear that the three MLAs resigned because they are certain that they would be disqualified. We expect at least 10 more MLAs from the rival camp, led by C Ve Shanmugam and S P Velumani, to come back to us within days."

Rejecting the allegations of horse-trading, Minister for Energy Resources and Law R Nirmalkumar said the AIADMK MLAs resigned their membership since they lost hope in the leadership of their party. "There is no need for TVK to engage in horse-trading. Even now, if elections are held, TVK will win in more than 200 constituencies," he said.

Earlier, five AIADMK rival group MLAs who supported the TVK government — SM Sukumar (Arcot), NS Natarajan (Kangeyam), P Haribhaskar (Kangeyam), K Mohan (Panruti) and D Jaishankar (Sankarankoil) — submitted letters to the speaker, apologising to the AIADMK general secretary for backing the TVK government.

Sources said that what Tamil Nadu is witnessing is not merely turmoil inside AIADMK or an expansion bid by TVK, but a high-stakes battle over political relevance in the post-Dravidian transition era.

Maragatham Kumaravel, KS Jayakumar and P Sathyabama | EXPRESS

The car in which an elderly couple drowned in a flooded railway underpass near Enathi in Salem on Monday | EXPRESS

Elderly couple dies after car gets submerged in flooded railway underpass in Salem

SALEM (TAMIL NADU): An elderly couple died after their car got submerged in heavy rainwater at the railway underpass in Enathi near Omalur on the Salem-Bengaluru stretch, following intense overnight rainfall that caused severe water stagnation in several low-lying areas of Salem. The deceased were identified as Venkatachalam (73), a retired TNSTC employee and resident of Chinna Tirupathi in Salem city, and his wife Radha (63). Police sources said the couple had two children - a son and a daughter who are currently living abroad. According to police, the couple had left early in the morning to attend a family engagement function at Semmandipatti when the incident occurred around 6 am. Heavy rain had led to extensive water accumulation at the Enathi railway underpass, with police sources estimating the water level to be around eight feet deep. It is believed that the couple, unaware of the severity of the flooding at the underpass, attempted to cross the stretch in their car, following which the vehicle became completely submerged in the stagnant rainwater, trapping them inside. Residents in the locality later noticed the partially submerged vehicle and immediately alerted authorities. Fire and rescue services personnel rushed to the spot and carried out rescue operations, during which the vehicle was retrieved from the flooded underpass. However, the couple was found dead inside the car. The bodies were later sent to the Government Hospital for postmortem examination. Residents of the area alleged that water stagnation at the railway underpass has remained a recurring issue during every spell of heavy rainfall and claimed that despite repeated complaints made to authorities over the years, no permanent measures had been taken to prevent flooding. **ENS**

TN to pursue fresh legal steps against Mekedatu, says Vijay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IN the wake of the Karnataka government proposing to conduct a bhoomi pooja for the construction of the Mekedatu dam across the Cauvery, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay held detailed discussions with Cauvery water experts and legal experts to safeguard the state's rights and protect the interests of farmers.

The Chief Minister instructed officials to initiate follow-up legal measures at the earliest. During the meeting, officials informed that the proposed Mekedatu dam project is contrary to the Supreme Court's verdict on the Cauvery water dispute. It was pointed out that the TN government had already filed petitions before the top court on November 30, 2018, and June 7, 2022, opposing the project.

Officials further stated that while hearing the case on November 13, 2025, the Supreme Court clarified that no approval had been granted for the Mekedatu project and that the proposal remained only at a preliminary stage. The court had also observed that it was for the expert committee under the Central Water Commission to decide whether the project violated earlier apex court orders.

Subsequently, the Tamil Nadu government filed a review petition against the November 13, 2025, order on December 11, 2025. The review petition, which had undergone in-chamber hearing during the previous regime with orders reserved, was recently dismissed by the Supreme Court. Taking note of the court proceedings and verdicts, the CM directed officials to immediately pursue further legal remedies after obtaining detailed legal opinion.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu contended in SC that since no permission had been granted for the Mekedatu project either in the final award delivered by the Tribunal in the Cauvery dispute or in the subsequent judgment delivered by the Supreme Court in 2018 (which upheld the Tribunal's award with certain modifications), the order issued by the SC on November 13, 2025, was unacceptable. It argued that this order ran contrary to the judgments previously delivered by both the Tribunal and the Supreme Court, and therefore, requested that the order be reviewed.

This review petition was listed for a hearing in the private chambers of CJI Kant and Justices K Vinod Chandran and Vipul M Pancholi on April 15, 2026. On April 13, 2026, Krishnamoorthy, counsel for Tamil Nadu, submitted a plea, requesting that this case be heard in the open courtroom rather than in the judges' chambers. This plea was rejected.

In the order issued on May 21, 2026, the bench stated, "The application seeking to list the review petition for a hearing in open court is rejected. This petition was filed seeking a review of the judgment delivered on November 13, 2025. We have carefully examined the contents of the review petition as well as the documents annexed thereto. We are satisfied that there are no sufficient grounds to warrant a review of the judgment delivered on November 13, 2025."

Double death penalty for 38-yr-old for rape, murder of minor in TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Thoothukudi

IN a swift delivery of justice, a POCSO special court here on Monday awarded double death penalty to M Dharma Muneeswaran (38) of Sayalkudi for the sexual assault and murder of a Class 12 student in Vedanatham village near Thoothukudi in March. The judge awarded double death, one each for murder and rape.

The 17-year-old girl had gone out of her house to attend nature's call on March 10 but was found dead the next day on the outskirts of the village.

The Kulathur police arrested Muneeswaran on March 19 and registered FIR under various sections of the POCSO Act. He was convicted and imprisoned for a similar crime earlier and was out on bail when he targeted the girl.

The Tamil Nadu government had appointed a special public prosecutor, V Ellammal Kissinger, to fast-track the case trial which was held between May 5 and 18.

Pronouncing the judgement on Monday, POCSO court Special Judge M Breetha convicted and sentenced Muneeswaran for the horrendous crime.

She noted that the accused is the father of a 17-year-old girl as well but still committed such a heinous crime.

Pointing out the medical evidence confirmed in the postmortem report, the judge stated the crime can be regarded as the rarest of rare case.

The judge pointed out that Muneeswaran was already convicted in the rape-murder of a 60-year-old in 2022, and came out on conditional bail in December 2025.

"In spite of giving a chance to repent, he had committed another grave crime of same modus operandi, and that too with a girl of his daughter's age. So he deserves death penalty," the judge observed.

12 get life for lynching tribal man in Kerala

KOCHI: The Kerala High Court on Monday awarded life imprisonment to 12 persons convicted in the murder of Madhu, a 27-year-old mentally challenged tribal man who was lynched to death for allegedly stealing rice from a grocery shop in Attappadi, Palakkad, in 2018. The court, however, acquitted the first accused due to lack of evidence against him

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

KIER invites tenders from eligible bidders for the Supply/Service of the following items in two bid system through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No. & date	Subject
1.	KIER-ACCT/68/2026-ACCT-KIER-BLR/Call-2	Maintenance of 60 KLD STP at KIER
2.	KIER-ACCT/130/2026-ACCT-KIER-BLR	Procurement of 1) Electro Cautery Machine 2) Saw & Blade Mini Drill System

E.M.D.&Security Deposit: As mentioned in the tender document. Tender Documents may be downloaded from KPPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 26.05.2026 onwards.** Last Date for submission of tenders: **11.06.2026 upto 05.30 p.m.** Date of opening of Technical Bids: **12.06.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** For further details contact office during office hours. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject/ cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason.

DIPR/CP/JA/805/2026-27 **Sd/- CAO, KIER, Bengaluru.**

Federal Bank
LCRD / BANGALORE DIVISION
No. 3, Church Street, 2nd Floor, "MSR West Park" Bangalore - 560001.
Phone No.: 8095828647, email id : bgrlcrd@federalbank.co.in
Website : www.federalbank.co.in, CIN: L65191KL1931PLC000368

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Obligant (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable Property Mortgaged / Charged to the **Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor)**, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of The Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor)**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 17.06.2026**, for recovery of **Rs. 68,30,354.13 (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs thirty thousand three hundred and fifty four and paise thirteen only) as on 22.05.2026** due to the Federal Bank (Secured creditor) as per the claim of OA comprising of **(1) Rs. 53,25,424.62 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred And Twenty Four And Paise Sixty Two Only) under FHS Loan with Number 21637300000233, (2) Rs. 1,73,240.66 (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred And Forty And Paise Sixty Six Only) under Federal Personal Loan Asset Guard with Number 21637600001857 and (3) Rs.13,31,688.85 (rupees Thirteen Lakh Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred And Eighty Eight And Paise Eighty Five Only) under PP Loan with Number 21637600001907** with further interest and costs from **(1) Shri Pavan Kumar T G, S/o Govinda Gowda alias T K Govinde Gowda,** No. 161, Pavan Nilaya, Maruti Extension, Malur, Kolar, Karnataka – 563130 // 39, 2nd Cross, 3rd Phase, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560085 // Sy No. 82/1, Masthi Hobli, Thrunasi Village, Malur Taluk, Kolar, Karnataka – 563130, **(2) Smt Pramila R K, W/o Govinda Gowda,** No. 161, Pavan Nilaya, Ward No. 9, Maruti Extension, Malur, Kolar, Karnataka – 563130.

The Reserve Price will be Rs. 55,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only).

(DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being Flat No. 108, in First Floor of Maruthi Homes Apartment admeasuring 300 Sq.Ft. of Undivided Share, 1240 Sq.Ft. Super Built up Area and 940 Sq.Ft Carpet Area and all other improvements thereon comprised in Sy.No. 162/4, BBMP Katha No. 1064/56, of Hagaduru Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, (Earlier Bangalore South Taluk) Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, Karnataka State within the Registration Sub District of Varthur, bounded on **East by :** Property Bearing Sy.No. 162/5, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property Bearing Sy.No. 162/1,2 and 3 and **South by :** Remaining portion of same Sy.No. 162/4.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the website of The Federal Bank Ltd i.e. https://www.federalbank.co.in/web/guest/tender-notices

Date : 22-05-2026 For The Federal Bank Ltd
Place : Bangalore Authorised Officer under SARFAESI Act

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase **Site No.392,** BBMP Khatha No.375/2054/392, **E-PID No.2486673486,** formed by the HMT Employee's Co-operative House Building Society Ltd., Bangalore-560 031 at Sy.No.34 to 39, 41 to 51 (Portion) of Narasipura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring **East to West: 50 Feet** or 15.24 Mtrs and **North to South: 30 Feet** or 9.14 Mtrs, **in all measuring 1500 Sq.Feet** or 166.66 Square Yards or 139.29 Sq.Mtrs, along with the residential Building standing thereon consisting Ground floor measuring 824 Sq.Feet, RCC Roofed building and bounded on :

East by: Site No.402,
West by: Road
North by: Site No.393,
South by: Site No.391

belonging to **Mr. Shivaji Rao,** Residing at Flat No.33, Ward No.17, Bisalahalli, Bellary District -583 101 and acquired the same through unregistered Will dated 18.01.2020 executed by his aunt **Ms. Kasturi Bai Kesarkar D/o Late K Abuboji Rao (Ex-employee of HMT).**

Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the said property may lodge objection and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence **within 10 days** from the date of this public notice.

M. Harish, *M.Com, LL.B.,* **Advocate .**
"SOUNDARYA PARAMOUNT"
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BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, Opp. to Sagar Hospitals, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru-560111.

No: EE(PN)/TEND/02/2026-27 Date: 25-05-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, BSCC, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of work detailed below. **(Standard Tender Document - KW-1)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
1	Repair Works to Ward Office Building at Padmanabha Nagara Division Office Premises in Ward No. 192 (Old Ward No. 181) Kumaraswamy Layout. **(4th Call) - (Others) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 5.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 12,500/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Document can be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Tender must be Submitted online through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hours on 10-06-2026. 3)** Tender will be Opened on the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division on 11-06-2026 at 16.05 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, BSCC.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH - SARB
Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, OPP: Trustwell Hospital, J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560002.
Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in Landline No. (Office): 080-2594 3663, Tel: 080-2594-3678/3663

NOTICE FOR SALE OF VEHICLES BY E-AUCTION on 17.06.2026

Notice to public is hereby given to the effect that the vehicle described herein will be sold by **State Bank of India, STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH - SARB** by holding E-Auction on the date and time mentioned in this notice is **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" and the auction will be conducted "ONLINE".**

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower	Vehicle Model	Reg. No.	Reserve Price	EMD (in INR)
1	**M/s. Krisha Logistics**	TATA Motors LTD	KA 53 AA 8548	Rs. 8,68,000/-	Rs. 86,800/-
2	**(Proprietor Mr. G Prabhakar) Loan A/c. NO.:** 41507081059	1212 LPT DCR42CBC 125 B6 M5(Goods Carrier Vehicle)	KA 53 AA 8540	Rs. 8,68,000/-	Rs. 86,800/-

Date & Time of E-Auction: 17.06.2026, 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM (with unlimited Extensions of 5 minutes each). **EMD:** 10% of each vehicle's Reserve Price as mentioned above. (EMD is Refundable for unsuccessful bidder) For inspection of above vehicles contact : **Mr. Shashank -** NPA Recovery Squad **Mob:96630 44559 / Mr. Rajendra S Tenginakai, Mob: 9448990270.**

Terms and conditions : 1. E-Auction is being held on "As is where is Basis" and the Bank is not responsible for condition or any other fact affecting the vehicles **2.** The E Auction will take place through portal **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb** on **17.06.2026. 3.** The intending purchaser/bidder should transfer his/her EMD amount through challan generated on his/her account maintained with **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/x-login** by NEFT/RTGS transfer from his/her account on or before **17.06.2026, upto 1:00 PM, 4.** For detailed procedure and terms and conditions of E-Auttion, interested bidder may visit **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb** & download business rule documents. **5.** All the above vehicles are parked at respective agencies yard as mentioned above. **6.** Willing bidders can inspect the vehicle(s) at the respective yard mentioned above & give best quote (over and above the minimum price) **7. The bidders have to increase the bidding amount by minimum Rs.10,000/- above Reserve price. 8.** Balance 75% of bid amount by the successful bidder should be remitted before the 15th day of confirmation of sale of the secured asset, failing which EMD amount stars forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price should be paid through NEFT/RTGS/Demand Draft/Bankers Cheque or in any mode of remittance in favour of **'SBI SARB BENGALURU', to the credit of A/c No. 40252992555 with State Bank of India, JC Road, Bengaluru- 560 002, Branch Code: 20202, IFSC Code: SBIN0020202. 9.** Successful bidders cannot back-out for any reason. **10.** Bank reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction without prior notice. **11.** For further details you may contact Authorised Officer, **Contact No.080-2594 3663, M:-9448990270.**

Place Bengaluru, Sd/-
Date:25.05.2026 Authorized Officer

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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 17.06.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 17.06.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **16.06.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s Tanisha Minerals Pvt.Ltd, Represented by its Directors, i) Mr. Nagaraju Gubba , ii) Mrs. Venkataramani Gubba, Addressed at :** No.53, 3rd Floor, Empire Tower, Railway Parallel Road, K.P West, Bangalore-560020 **(2) Mr. Nagaraju Gubba,** S/o Late Krishnaiah Gubba, **(3) Mrs. Venataramani Gubba,** W/o Mr. Nagaraju Gubba, **No 2 & 3 Addressed at :** No.1014, Ramya Sadana, Flat No.24/1,11th Main,Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040 **(4) Mr. Lakshminarayana Gubba**, S/o Late Krishnaiah Gubba, **(5) Mrs. Asha G L**, W/o Mr. Lakshminarayana Gubba , **No 4 & 5 Addressed at :** No.222,Matha Nilaya, 5th Main Road, Near Sri Vidyanagar Bus Stop, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, **(6) Mr. Narayana Babu B S,** S/o Mr. Subbarayan B, **Addressed at :** No.14, Vanasuma, Lake City Layout, Behind Janapriya , Kodichikkanahalli, Bangalore-560040. **(7) Mrs. Mala B.S**, W/o Mr. Puttaraju B.S, **(8) Mr.Puttaraju B.S,** S/o Shivanna B.C **No.7 & 8 Addressed at :** No.13, 60 Feet Road, Amarjyothinagar, Prashanthanagar Main Road ,Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040. **Loan A/c Nos.:** **(1) OD A/c 0637000100444901** **(2) PSTL A/c 0637001800049501** **(3) PSTL A/c 0637001800049701**	**Total Rs.1,60,57,014.43 [Rupees One Crore Sixty Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Fourteen and Paise Forty Three Only]** **[(1) Rs. 2,81,170.43 19.10.2024 + (2) Rs. 96,17,469.86 21.10.2024 + (3) Rs. 61,58,374.14 21.10.2024]**	**22.04.2026 Physical**	**Item No.1:-** All that piece and parcel of **Residential Flat** bearing **No. 001,** Ground Floor on the Western side in the Apartment known as **"Ramya Sadana"** with the **Super Built Up Area of 1834.25 sq.ft. & 675 sq.ft.** of undivided share over the land along with one car parking slot in the basement measuring **200 sq.ft.** comprised in **BDA site No. 1014, Municipal No. 24/1, Corporation No. 1014, PID No. 34-112-24/1,** situated at 11th Main Road, Ward No. 34, BBMP, Railway Pipeline Road, RPC Layout, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru -560040 belonging to **Mr. Nagaraju Gubba. Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Corridor, Entrance & then Flat No.02, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Open to Sky, **South by :** Open to Sky. **Property location: Latitude & Longitude: 12.958487, 77.534554**	**Rs. 1,74,50,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Four Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 17,45,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Forty Five Thousand Only)**	**10.00 AM to 10.15 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Nehrunagar A/c No. 0633500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000063**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.bank.in under the head "Auction Notice".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **17.06.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **16.06.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD** (Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, **Contact No. :** 8885035382, E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 22.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.

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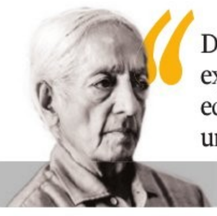

"Do not educate merely to pass examinations. The purpose of education is to help one understand oneself and the world" — Jiddu Krishnamurti

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— Ramnath Goenka

KERALA VIGIL AGAINST VIRAL THREATS OFFERS TESTED TOOLS TO COUNTER EBOLA

A public health emergency of international concern has been declared following the outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. The alarm is eminently understandable. Between the WHO's recognition of the outbreak on May 17 as an emergency and May 25, at least 220 lives are reported to have been claimed by the virus. The Bundibugyo strain causing the outbreak carries a fatality rate of up to 50 percent, with no approved vaccine or treatment designed for it.

The scale of the outbreak remains unclear as the virus may have spread for months before detection, with early symptoms resembling those of the common flu. On Monday, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the delay meant that responders are now "playing catch-up". The alarm inevitably revives memories of the Covid-19 pandemic that crippled economies and killed millions across the globe.

In India, authorities have correctly responded with caution and preparedness. Airports have been placed on alert, states have been asked to strengthen surveillance and hospital readiness, laboratories have been equipped to test suspected Ebola samples, and rapid response systems have been activated to deal with any potential fallout. Out of an abundance of caution, the Fourth India-Africa Forum Summit scheduled in New Delhi during May 28-31 has been postponed. Apart from to the two directly-affected countries, the Indian government has advised against travel to South Sudan too.

Ebola is counted among the top 10 viral threats to humanity. Coming soon after the recent Hantavirus outbreak aboard a cruise vessel, the Ebola crisis once again exposes humanity's vulnerability to dangerous viruses and highlights the need for continuous surveillance, scientific research and coordinated response systems. The situation demands reason rather than panic. A calm, evidence-based strategy focused on prevention before escalation is essential.

India can draw lessons from its Covid-19 response, while Kerala's repeated success in containing outbreaks of Nipah, another zoonotic disease, offers a model in epidemic management. Sustained surveillance, rigorous contact tracing, isolation protocols and clear public communication proved more effective than relying solely on pharmaceutical interventions. In the face of relentless viral threats, survival depends on preventing pathogens from breaching public health defences. As viruses evolve and become increasingly dangerous, health systems must remain vigilant, adaptive and prepared to confront emerging challenges before they spiral into crises.

VINESH QUALIFIER STANDOFF ANOTHER BLOT FOR WFI

SELECTION fiasco before mega events has become a norm in Indian sports. But the latest episode involving double World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat goes beyond the usual charge of official apathy in sports administration. A controversy that should have been handled discreetly had to be settled in court. Finally, a Delhi High Court Bench comprising Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia stepped in to allow Vinesh the chance of participating in the selection trials for Asian Games after the Wrestling Federation of India had barred her.

The 31-year-old wrestler, who became a mother last year, stepped back on the mat last December and wanted to first participate in a national open ranking competition in Gonda and then the trials in Delhi on May 30 and 31. The WFI argued that the selection policy framed in December made Vinesh ineligible—since the process was not open to anyone beyond those already enlisted. However, while ruling in her favour, the court stated: "The policy and the circular are clearly exclusionary in nature as it does not give any discretion to [WFI] to consider iconic players like the appellant in view of the sabbatical taken on account of her maternity leave."

The WFI pointed out that if the door was opened to one outside the process, it might have to accommodate others as well. But exceptions have been made earlier. The federation was fair in questioning her professionalism after she was ruled overweight and ineligible on the morning of her gold-medal bout at the Paris Olympics. However, serving the medallist a notice while her court case alleging sexual harassment by former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh was going on muddied the ground. A more agreeable way would have been to quietly explore ways to accommodate Vinesh.

The fight between the wrestler and the WFI is well known. But a national sporting federation must decide in the best interests of the country. It could have avoided this impasse through an open dialogue. But with trust broken between the two sides, this was not to be. Hopefully, Vinesh will now be able to focus on her preparations and compete without any further hurdles. All eyes should now shift to the trials on May 30.

QUICK TAKE

CAVEAT EMPTOR

THOSE lured by the quick-profit possibilities of the stock markets should heed a cautionary tale that's playing out. In a nod to the herd instinct that often leads the market by the ear, the price of Parle Industries—a small-cap stock representing a real estate company—has been hitting the daily upper limit of 5 percent for four consecutive trading sessions up to Monday. The buoyancy follows the Indian Prime Minister's jocular reference to the toffee brand Melody—close to the popular portmanteau of the Italian PM's name and his—which is manufactured by an unconnected, unlisted company called Parle Products. Whether it is a play by shady operators or a genuine confusion that has persisted despite clarifications, investors should take the stock phenomenon as a bitter pill, not a sweet snack.

India will lose many more lives and a part of its GDP if the national emergency is not addressed with structural changes. Heat action plans are only a starting point, not the solution

INDIA'S RESPONSE TO HEAT CRISIS WILL DEFINE ITS FUTURE

SANJAY K SRIVASTAVA
S Radhakrishnan Chair Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru; former Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction at UNESCAP

SOURAV ROY

LET'S start with two numbers—48.2°C in Banda, Uttar Pradesh and 46.5°C in Sirpur, Telangana. Two towns nearly 850 km apart, but bound by the same brutal heat. In Bundelkhand, hot winds blowing in turned Banda into India's hottest city for four days, with the temperatures edging towards 50°C on cracked black-cotton soil with barely a tree in sight. In Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, over 40 heatstroke-related deaths were reported over just two days.

This is not a story about two states or one season. It is a national emergency running from the Himalayas to the shoreline. And it has been building for years.

The India Meteorological Department's (IMD) seasonal outlook for April-June 2026 warned us plainly: above-normal heatwave days were coming for east, central, northwest India, and the southeast of the peninsula. Red and orange alerts were flying across Telangana before summer officially began.

This year, there's a double blow. While long-term warming has raised India's temperature floor year after year, a super El Niño developing this year threatens to weaken the monsoon winds, strip swathes of cloud cover, bake the soil dry. The chance of a deficient monsoon this year sits at 35 percent, more than double the long-term average. For a country where nearly half of all farmland depends on rain, not pipes, that figure is a food security warning.

Here is what the headlines often miss: the same summer kills people in completely different ways depending on where they live and how much money they have. In landlocked Bundelkhand, it is the raw, scorching dry heat. Entire agricultural divisions are recording temperatures 5°C above the seasonal norm. Farmers, who cannot afford to stop working, are out there in it from sunrise. For them, heatstroke is not an abstract risk—it's a Tuesday.

On the coasts, the story is, in some ways, more dangerous. In Kerala, Odisha and coastal Andhra Pradesh, the thermometers read lower than in Banda. But the humidity changes everything. What scientists call the 'wet-bulb temperature'—the measure that combines heat and moisture—can push coastal conditions beyond what the human body can safely handle. An IMD study spanning four decades confirmed that wet-bulb temperatures across India's coasts have been accelerating sharply since the early 2000s.

The reason is physics. When the air is saturated with moisture, sweat simply cannot evaporate—the body's only real cooling mechanism. Anjal Prakash, author of an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, has put it starkly: a 40°C day with high humidity can feel like 50°C. For an elderly person in a poorly ventilated home, a fisher returning from sea, or a construction worker in a coastal city, that is not a figure of speech. It is a physiological reality.

Another point missing in most heat conversations is what happens between midnight and 5 am. Night is when the heart rate drops, core temperature falls and cells recover from the stress of a hot day. But India's average night-time temperature has been rising by 0.21°C every decade. The Council on Energy, Environment and Water's data shows 35 of India's 36 states and Union territories are getting warmer nights. Climate change has added somewhere between 50 and 80 nights a year above the 25°C threshold—the level beyond which quality sleep and physiological recovery become genuinely difficult. A government that issues heatwave alerts for the afternoon but ignores what is happening to a 72-year-old sleeping in a tin-roofed room at midnight is governing only half the crisis.

CEEW's district-level heat risk assessment is the most comprehensive picture we have of who is most at risk. Across 734 districts, using 35 indicators of hazard and vulnerability, it found that over 57 percent of India's districts—home to 76 percent of the population—face high to very high heat risk.

But averages hide the real story. The people most exposed are the ones with the least ability to protect themselves: construction workers, street vendors, gig delivery riders, slum dwellers, agricultural labourers. One study that followed 3,000 outdoor workers found that a single degree rise in mean temperature cut their daily earnings by 16 percent. During a bad heatwave, earnings fell by 40 percent.

India deserves credit for what it has built. Ahmedabad's Heat Action Plan, one of the first in Asia, is estimated to have prevented nearly 2,380 deaths between 2014 and 2015. Several states now have early warning systems, cooling shelters and ORS distribution networks. But they are not saving enough lives and not addressing the root cause. Most heat action plans are not grounded in district-level vulnerability data, which means resources don't reliably reach the people who need them the most. To prevent crises, India needs transformative adaptation—changing how cities are designed, workers are protected and ecosystems are managed.

Trees, water, and green cover are some of the most cost-effective heat mitigation tools. A well-placed canopy can cut local surface temperatures by 3-8°C. Restored urban wetlands create natural cooling corridors. But India's urban local bodies still treat green cover as an aesthetic choice rather than critical infrastructure. That has to change with enforceable targets.

Protect workers before it is too late. Mandatory midday work stoppages between noon and 3 pm during heatwave alerts exist in several states, but not enough to protect the vulnerable. They need to be enforced. Athens gave its chief heat officer the authority to make guidance binding. Something similar—a dedicated heat governance role with real teeth—deserves serious consideration at the state level here.

Technology cannot replace shade, but it can help us act faster and smarter. ArtPark at IISc Bengaluru has built an AI-driven heat forecasting system that uses deep learning and downscaling to generate sub-district heat forecasts up to 10 days ahead. That lead time lets hospitals stock up, municipalities open cooling centres proactively, and construction firms adjust shift timings.

There is more to do. India needs heat advisory apps that work in regional languages and speak directly to the street vendor and the construction contractor. Urban planners should be required to run heat island simulations before any major development is approved. And India's insurance sector has an opportunity to create heat-linked income protection products for informal workers, so that a heatwave does not also mean bankruptcy.

India has the institutions and pockets of brilliant innovation. What it has lacked consistently is a sense of urgency that matches the scale of the crisis. Every summer that passes without structural change is one that sets a new baseline for the next year.

(Views are personal)

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REFORM TESTS, DON'T SCRAP NTA

MAMIDALA JAGADESH KUMAR
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IN India, entrance examinations carry huge emotional weight and are a topic for household talk. Students prepare for years and wait for the exam day. Then, if an exam is cancelled due to paper-leak allegations—as in the case of the 2026 NEET-UG—it can cause distress and disappointment among students and parents. Students who prepared honestly deserve sympathy and reassurance. As a nation, their future remains our first concern.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) annually conducts several competitive exams and other specialised tests for different ministries, regulators and institutions. JEE Main serves engineering, architecture and planning admissions; NEET-UG serves medical, dental, AYUSH and allied health admissions; CUET, UG and PG, serve participating universities; UGC-NET supports research fellowships, assistant professorships and PhD admission pathways.

So, the NTA is not conducting one kind of test alone. It is managing a broad national testing ecosystem with different clients, purposes, formats and candidate groups. When you include all exams, the annual participation in NTA-conducted exams can reasonably be beyond one crore test-events. It involves multiple languages, thousands of centres, varied geographies, urban and rural participation and high-stakes ranking.

The present NEET-UG episode should not be seen as evidence that every NTA exam is structurally unreliable. Since its formation, the NTA has cancelled exams twice—for UGC-NET in June 2024 and the NEET-UG 2026. The 2024 exam was cancelled after inputs suggested that its integrity may have been compromised and it was conducted afresh later. The Supreme Court recorded that a leak had taken place at Hazaribagh and Patna, but it did not order cancellation of the entire exam because the material before it did not show a widespread or systemic leak.

NEET-UG 2026 was scheduled at over 5,432 exam centres across 565 cities, including 551 Indian cities and 14 foreign cities. At that scale, one cannot ignore the vulnerabilities of a one-day pen-and-paper exam with more than 22 lakh candidates. The question papers have to be prepared, printed, stored, transported, opened, distributed to the students in every centre. Every additional physical step creates a possible point of breach. In such an environment, unscrupulous actors need to attack just one weak link.

Now, the NTA has been conducting large computer-based tests (CBTs) for JEE Main, UGC-NET, CUET-UG and CUET-PG for years. Though a CBT is not free from risk, it removes the long physical chain of printing, storage and transportation of question papers. It permits encrypted delivery, controlled access, session-wise scheduling, audit trails and quicker containment when a local disruption occurs.

The experience of multi-session CBT exams shows another advantage. If an incident is confined to one centre or one shift, the affected session can be isolated, reviewed and reconducted without disturbing all other candidates.

NTA

Apart from conducting large-scale competitive exams, the National Testing Agency manages specialised tests for ministries, regulators and institutions too. The latest NEET-UG crisis shows that test systems must be made more robust. The Radhakrishnan Committee has a few workable solutions for it

This ability to contain problems locally is important as the number of students affected is small and manageable. CBT also allows better monitoring through digital audit trails, computer logs, identity checks and post-exam analytics.

The K Radhakrishnan Committee, set up to recommend reform of national entrance tests, offers a practical roadmap. It advised for multi-session testing when registered participants exceed 2 lakh and said the methodology of normalisation should be well defined, documented and communicated transparently. The committee also recommended a computer-assisted pen-and-paper test model. In this hybrid system, CBT-like processes would be used until encrypted question papers reach confidential servers at testing centres. Printing would then take place securely at the centre, reducing risks in the printing, storage and transportation chains. It also suggested a variant where the question paper is delivered through CBT while optical mark recognition sheets are used for answers.

The committee further recommended a gradual migration toward computer-adaptive testing (CAT) as a long-term reform. This can improve measurement quality because each candidate receives questions matched to their demonstrated ability. This approach makes assessment more precise and efficient. It also reduces the value of leaked question papers, as different candidates may receive different item sequences drawn from a secure question bank. The final direction, however, should be a carefully planned transition towards full CBT in multiple sessions.

Students and parents worry that different sessions may not be equal in difficulty. To address this, normalisation is a scientific statistical method used to create fairness when a large exam is conducted in multiple sessions. Since no two question papers can be perfectly identical, it reduces the imbalance that may arise from a slightly easier or tougher paper. The NTA has already used normalisation in exams such as JEE Main and CUET. If the method is clearly documented and publicly communicated, it can strengthen confidence by ensuring that rank reflects performance, not luck.

The lesson from the current crisis is clear. India does need stronger national testing capacity—an organisation like the NTA for conducting large-scale tests. Otherwise, it will lead to fragmentation, inconsistency and greater uncertainty for students. The priority now is to redesign NEET so that we are not forced into an all-or-nothing dilemma. We must work toward making NTA operations more secure, more resilient and more student-friendly.

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Outdated laws

Ref: *Must settle sedition* (May 25). The clarification offers relief but exposes deeper flaws in how outdated laws linger without resolution. The court must now decide swiftly on the constitutional validity of both old and new provisions to uphold free speech and liberty. Prolonged uncertainty weakens faith in law and burdens those caught in its shadow.
Babu Crishna, Bengaluru

ABC vigilance

Ref: *States need to fix a broken system* (May 25). Simply rounding up dogs will not work out unless shelters are set up and funds are rolled out at scale. States keep pointing out logistical hurdles, but excuses will not hold up when citizens' lives are on the line. It is time to scale up animal birth control drives.
Raju Kolluru, Kakinada

Symbolic move

Ref: *Expanding the court* (May 25). When caseloads have been mounting over the last several years, the symbolic addition of an additional bench is not a judicious decision. The President must seek clarification on the necessity of issuing the ordinance with such urgency.
Jayachandran C, Chennai

Pre-colonial cousins

Ref: *Pearls and prayer* (May 25). India's heritage connection with Persian Gulf spanning over millenniums is a deep-rooted legacy of maritime trade, cultural exchange and migration that made these regions into cultural cousins. The profound influence of Persian as an administrative language enriched local languages, helping them to share with coastal Gulf dialects.
R Pichumani, Thanjavur

Dragging crisis

Ref: *Peace deal in sight* (May 25). It gives some consolation that at least the talks of ending the West Asia crisis are near a framework deal. However, for the interest of all, the parties must not drag it any longer and break the backs of common people.
Rajan K, Palakkad

Calculated punishment

Ref: *Financial worries for common man* (May 25). Fuel prices now rise not like economic decisions, but like silent daggers piercing the pockets of ordinary people day after day. Four hikes in just 12 days is nothing short of inefficiency. It's a slow and calculated punishment imposed on citizens already that are already crushed.
Mudgal Venkatesh, email

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Shame on you who are adding more mental stress on a young student just to defend an incompetent Education Minister and an equally incompetent set of bureaucrats

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The UP BJP government knows it will never return, which is why it is ignoring the public's troubles and demands, focusing solely on filling its own coffers.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
Congress lectures the country on social justice, but within its own structure, Dalit leaders are too often treated as placeholders, shields, or electoral mascots

'Quenching desert state, Raj rewriting water story'

CM Bhajan Lal Sharma says his govt has created a new identity for the state in investment, renewable energy, infrastructure and public welfare initiatives

THE BJP government in Rajasthan has reached the halfway point of its term. In December 2023, when the Congress lost the election, the BJP selected debutant MLA **Bhajan Lal Sharma** as chief minister. The surprise choice has since been enjoying a relatively smooth tenure despite repeated attacks from the opposition. In a candid conversation with **Rajesh Asnani**, Sharma asserted he has done his best to foster overall growth and development in the state. **Excerpts:**

How would you rate the performance of your team so far?
Our government resolved from the very beginning to ensure that the benefits of development reach the last person in society. We have undertaken extensive work across infrastructure, water, energy, roads, education, healthcare, agriculture, employment, women's empowerment, and good governance. Today, Rajasthan is creating a new identity in investment, renewable energy, infrastructure, and public welfare initiatives.

During our tenure, over 48,000 kilometres of roads have been laid, piped drinking water has been provided to over 1.482 million rural families, energy production capacity has increased significantly, and millions of youth have been provided opportunities for employment and skill development.

Water scarcity is one of Rajasthan's biggest challenges. What has your government done to address this critical issue?
We have signed MoUs with the governments of Madhya Pradesh and the Union for the Ram Jal Setu Link Project. Through this initiative, irrigation facilities will be provided to nearly 4 lakh hectares of land across 17 districts of eastern Rajasthan, while also meeting the drinking water needs of nearly 3 crore people.

Work on three feeder construction packages worth ₹9,416.70 crore has already commenced and is proposed to be completed by 2028. Under the Yamuna Water Project and the plan to transform IGNP into a large reservoir under the Jal Jeevan Mission, work costing ₹208 crore has been completed.

To conserve groundwater, we launched the Karmabhoomi Se Mathrubhumi campaign, under which thousands of water conservation structures have been built. The construction of Amrit Sarovars has also led to noticeable improvement in groundwater levels at several locations.

What is your government's strategy in the energy sector?
The state's power generation capacity has increased by 9,264 MW and today Rajasthan is among the leading Indian states in terms of solar energy capacity.

To strengthen transmission infrastructure, new grid substations have been established, and investment proposals worth several lakh crore rupees in the energy sector have been accelerated. Work orders have been issued to establish 4,954 solar energy projects with a total capacity of 10,478 MW.

Arrangements to provide daytime electricity to farmers have been implemented in 26 districts, and significant relief has been provided on their electricity bills. Currently, Rajasthan ranks first in solar energy capacity and second in renewable energy capacity in the country.

What are your government's major priorities and policies for roads and infrastructure development?
We have invested more than ₹32,000 crore in developing 48,296 kilometres of roads. DPR work is currently in progress for the construction of nine greenfield expressways with a total length of 2,750 kilometres. Thousands of villages have been connected with asphalt roads. Steps are being taken to strengthen the rural road network. Projects such as bridges, railway overbridges, Atal Pragati Path, and greenfield expressways are also being implemented at a rapid pace.

What about boosting investment and industrial development in Rajasthan?
Through the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024, investment agreements worth nearly ₹35 lakh crore have been signed, while work has already commenced on investment proposals worth approximately ₹9 lakh crore. Our government has simplified procedures for industry, strengthened infrastructure, and created a conducive, investor-friendly environment. To further promote investment in the state, 35 new policies have been introduced.

Agriculture and farming are traditional pillars of our economy. What steps has your government taken for farmers?
Under the Kisan Samman Nidhi, over ₹12,000 crore has been transferred to more than 7.6 million farmers. In addition, short-term interest-free crop loans worth over ₹53,000 crore have been made available to them.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, insurance claims worth thousands of crores have been disbursed. The bonus on wheat procurement has also been increased, while farmers have been provided substantial support for electricity, irrigation, and agricultural infrastructure. Our effort is to turn agriculture into a profitable and sustainable sector.

Ensuring equality and dignity for women remains a major challenge. What is your government doing to promote women's empowerment?
We have placed the social and economic empowerment of women at the centre of our development agenda. Under the Lado Protsahan Yojana, the financial assistance provided to girl children has been increased to ₹1.50 lakh. Under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, millions of women have benefited, and the scheme's assistance amount has also been increased.

In addition, training has been provided to 2.1 million women, and efforts have been made to empower more than 1.6 million women as Lakhpati Didis. This is a comprehensive campaign to empower women to become self-reliant and economically empowered.

What are your plans to improve employment and education for the youth of Rajasthan?
They represent the state's greatest strength. Our government has provided appointments to more than 1.25 lakh positions, while the recruitment process for over 1.35 lakh additional posts is currently underway. In addition, skill training has been provided to more than 3.46 lakh young people.

What have been your government's top priorities in healthcare and social security?
Through the Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana and related health security programmes, better medical treatment facilities are being provided to the general public. In the social security area, the monthly old-age pension has been increased by ₹250. Through a transparent verification process under the Food Security Scheme, 8 million eligible beneficiaries have been included. Our objective is to ensure that no deserving person in the state is deprived of government support.

Border security top priority as Shah on multi-state tour

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah will begin an extensive tour of India's border regions from Monday night as the Centre intensifies focus on strengthening frontier security and reviewing preparedness amid evolving security challenges.

The multi-state visit, spanning key border states along India's western and eastern frontiers, will see Shah assess the security architecture, review operational readiness and push for greater coordination among agencies responsible for safeguarding borders.

According to sources, the first leg of the tour will begin in Bikaner, Rajasthan. On May 26, Shah will visit the BSF outpost at Sanchu along the India-Pakistan border to interact with personnel deployed in the sector.

The minister will gain firsthand insights into the operational challenges faced by troops stationed in difficult, remote terrain. Officials said Shah will review deployment patterns, surveillance mechanisms and border management systems while interacting directly with BSF personnel on the ground.

Mid-June visit to Bengal
Around mid-June, the Home Minister is also expected to visit West Bengal, another key state that shares a long international border with Bangladesh. The visits are also intended to ensure direct engagement with personnel deployed in border areas.

During the Rajasthan stay, Shah is also expected to inaugurate several welfare initiatives for security forces personnel to improve living and working conditions for troops serving in harsh border areas.

Later in the day, the Home Minister will chair a high-level security review meeting in Bikaner to strengthen coordination mechanisms, improve intelligence-sharing systems, and enhance measures to counter cross-border threats and infiltration attempts.

Shah will travel to Bhuj in Gujarat on May 29 to review the security situation along another sensitive stretch of the India-Pakistan border. He is expected to inspect a BSF border outpost and visit the strategically important Harami Nala area in the Rann of Kutch, which has long been considered vulnerable due to its difficult terrain and a history of infiltration attempts.

Shah's itinerary will then take him to Tripura on June 5, where he will review security arrangements along the India-Bangladesh border. The northeastern region faces distinct challenges, including illegal crossings, smuggling and cross-border criminal activity, making periodic assessments and enhanced coordination critical for effective management.

Quad foreign ministers in Delhi amid Iran war

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

THE foreign ministers of the Quad nations will meet in New Delhi on Tuesday against the backdrop of escalating tensions in West Asia, shifting dynamics in the Indo-Pacific, and rising concerns over global supply chains, maritime security, and critical technologies.

The meeting, to be hosted by India in its capacity as the current chair of the Quad, will bring together External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi. The ministers are expected to call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

While the Quad was originally conceptualised as a strategic platform focused on the Indo-Pacific, this year's meeting comes at a moment when conflicts beyond the region, particularly the continuing instability in West Asia, are increasingly shaping the coalition's agenda. Officials familiar with the preparations said discussions are expected to focus heavily on the economic fallout of the West Asia crisis, including energy security, shipping disruptions, and the strategic importance of maritime trade routes stretching from the Gulf to the Indo-Pacific.

EAM S Jaishankar at a meeting with Japanese counterpart Toshimitsu Motegiy | PTI

Four-nation bloc safe under Trump, says Rubio
Rubio also pushed back against suggestions that the current US administration was less invested in the Quad framework. "I want to remind you that the Quad, actually in the current form, started during President Trump's first administration," he said.

The tension and disruption to commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz have reinforced concerns among the Quad countries about ensuring "unimpeded freedom of navigation" and safeguarding critical sea lanes that underpin global trade. Speaking ahead of the meeting during talks with Japanese Foreign Minister Motegi, Jaishankar underscored how developments in West Asia directly impact both India and Japan. "What is happening in West Asia or the Middle East is important, because we are both energy-importing nations, we are big trading nations, and we have maritime interests," Jaishankar said.

He also flagged "economic security issues" as a growing priority for major economies. The meeting would primarily focus on advancing the Quad's vision for a "free and open Indo-Pacific", while reviewing progress across existing initiatives in maritime security, infrastructure, technology, connectivity, and supply chain resilience.

The Quad has evolved into an important strategic coalition, positioning itself as a balancing framework amid Beijing's growing influence. Rubio, speaking in New Delhi after bilateral talks with Jaishankar, described the Quad as an increasingly significant mechanism for shaping global events. "The Quad is a forum of alignment between four countries which are not just strategically aligned on a bunch of key issues, but four countries that have the ability to varying degrees to influence global events," Rubio said.

Rubio also pushed back against suggestions that the current US administration was less invested in the Quad framework than previous administrations. "I want to remind you that the Quad, actually in the current form, started during President Trump's first administration," he said, adding, "It has moved on. ... You will see much more growth, much more trade, much more maritime activity out there ... The work on Quad goes on."

The meeting is also expected to help shape the agenda for the next Quad Leaders' Summit.

TOP COURT

Sad that NTA not learnt any lessons from earlier NEET paper leaks: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday said it was very sad that NTA (National Testing Agency) has not learnt any lesson from the earlier NEET paper leak case. "It's sad that they (NTA and others) have not learnt their lessons. The matter travelled to this court earlier also. There was a monitoring committee which made some recommendations, and they were accepted. We want the NTA to file an affidavit on the steps taken for compliance of recommendations suggested by the committee," the court said.

The SC made the observations after hearing two petitions filed by the Federation of All India Medical Association and United Doctor's Front seeking the court's interference and dissolution of the NTA and for a CBI probe in the NEET paper leak case. A bench of Justices PS Narasimha and Justice Alok Aradhe also sought a detailed response from the Centre, NTA and CBI after hearing this batch of pleas seeking immediate direction for the replacement of the testing agency with a robust, dynamic and autonomous body to conduct the medical entrance exam.

The bench also directed that a copy of the petitions be served to the Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta besides other parties and asked the NTA to file a detailed affidavit by Thursday on compliance with directions issued by the court in 2024.

'Overhaul function of NTA'
The bench directed the Centre-appointed committee led by former ISRO chief K Radhakrishnan to overhaul the functioning of the NTA to detail the steps taken for compliance with its directions.

SC: Aravalli committee must consult domain experts and stakeholders

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court stressed on Monday that the expert committee formed to define the Aravalli hills and ranges should hold broad consultations with the subject-matter specialists and public to ensure proper environmental safeguards.

A three-judge bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi observed that the committee cannot be too large, as it would be difficult to manage. "We cannot have a panel of 30 people, as it will become unmanageable. The committee must consult experts and should comprise 5–7 members. We will record this in the order," the bench stated.

The court further directed that the expert panel tasked with defining the Aravallis must seek views from domain experts and citizens. It proposed a compact committee of 5–7 members for better efficiency. The court had earlier halted all mining in the Aravallis and put on hold a uniform definition after widespread concerns.

An earlier panel had suggested classifying 'Aravalli Hill' as landforms rising 100 metres above local terrain and 'Aravalli Range' as two or more such hills located within 500 metres of each other.

During the hearing, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, for the Centre, said the Central Empowered Committee and the amicus curiae had submitted common names for the panel, which could be finalised.

Senior advocate K Parameshwar, the amicus curiae, said the expert body should also engage stakeholders so that public opinion is taken into account.

DGCA issues guidelines on Ebola SOPs for airlines from Congo and Uganda

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

AVIATION regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), on Monday night issued a detailed SOP in connection with the Ebola disease for all airlines entering India from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Uganda.

Air India, IndiGo and Akasa Air are among the 13 airlines which carry passengers from the DRC, while IndiGo and Air India figure among the 17 airlines which ferry passengers from Uganda. The rest are foreign airlines.

The directives, which have to be complied with by all airlines mandatorily, are being issued to prevent the potential transmission of the Ebola disease and to ensure public safety, the DGCA said.

Prior to disembarking at Indian airports, all airlines must ensure mandatory filing and collection of the Self Declaration Form (SDF) from all passengers originating from or transiting through the affected countries.

It has mandated the broadcast of these specific announcements in-flight by the airlines:

In-flight protocol for suspected cases
In case a passenger displaying these symptoms is detected on board, the operating crew have to adhere to containment procedures—designate a single cabin crew member to exclusively care for symptomatic passenger; relocate the passenger to the rear end of the aircraft to minimise exposure to other passengers.

"In view of the current threat of Ebola disease in certain countries, any traveller who has fever, weakness, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhoea, rash and bleeding should report immediately to the airline crew and at the immigration or medical unit on arrival. This is important for early diagnosis for prompt management and preventing spread."

Passengers and crew, irrespective of nationality, need to fill the SDF and hand it over to the immigration or designated counter, it said.

"In case any of these symptoms develop within 21 days of arrival in India, the traveller should seek medical assistance from the designated hospitals and also inform the airport health office" is yet another announcement that must be made.

In case a passenger displaying these symptoms is detected on board, the operating crew have to adhere to these containment procedures—designate a single cabin crew member to exclusively care for the symptomatic passenger; relocate the passenger to the rear end of the aircraft to minimise exposure to other passengers; three rows in front and side rows of the suspected case need to be kept vacant (as far as possible); among other measures.

BRIBERY

The Anti-Corruption Bureau on Monday arrested a police sub-inspector in Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar district for allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹20,000.

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Bhopal	41	28	Panaji	33	25
Jaipur	44	30	Patna	39	29
Amritsar	43	26	Lucknow	43	30
Chennai	37	29	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	35	28	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	28	13	Chandigarh	42	23

Live-in registration must, ban on polygamy mooted

UCC Bill in Assam seeks a single civil legal framework for all residents

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Assam government on Monday tabled "The Uniform Civil Code, Assam, 2026 Bill" in the Assembly, proposing a single civil legal framework for all residents on matters related to marriage, divorce, succession, and live-in relationships.

Under the proposed law, bigamy and polygamy shall invite imprisonment for up to seven years. "The introduction of the UCC Bill paves the way for an on-record discussion on why UCC is the need of the hour and how it will help realise the path laid down by our founding fathers," said Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Opposition parties criticised the UCC Bill. "The government should have held consultations with political parties and non-political organisations before introducing the Bill in the Assembly," Congress leader Zakir Hussain Sikdar said.

The Bill explicitly excludes Scheduled Tribes to preserve their constitutional protections, while replacing various religion-based personal laws to ensure absolute equality and gender justice.

The Bill mandates monogamy and sets a standardised legal age of 21 years for grooms and 18 years for brides. "The legislation safeguards cultural diversity by granting full freedom of ritual, allowing marriages to be solemnised through any existing religious ceremony or custom, including Vedic Bibah, Ahom Chaklong,

Saptapadi, Ashirvad, Nikah, Holy Union, Anand Karaj," a government statement said.

The government said that registering all marriages and divorces would now be compulsory to prevent fraud. The Bill codifies uniform grounds for and ensures that early childhood custody of children under five ordinarily remains with the mother.

The Bill creates a uniform, gender-equal order of preference for intestate inheritance among Class-1 heirs. The Bill introduces pioneering regulations for live-in relationships, making their registration mandatory within one month.

Finally, the Bill repeals the Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorces Act, 2024, but ensures that any polygamous marriage solemnised prior to UCC enforcement will be regularised.

Child marriage and marriage without consent illegal

Child marriage and marriage without valid consent shall attract imprisonment. Violation of the lawful divorce procedure and illegal dissolution of marriage will be punishable. Compelling a divorced person to fulfill unlawful conditions before remarriage shall also attract a jail term and fine. Marriage within prohibited relationships, unless protected by valid customs, will invite punitive measures.

NIA raids three J&K areas over terror funding

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE NIA on Monday conducted raids at three locations in Jammu and Kashmir, including Siraj Uloom seminary in south Kashmir's Shopian district, which was recently declared an unlawful association by the J&K government, in an alleged terror funding case linked with Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) that was banned by the Centre in 2019 ahead of the abrogation of Article 370.

The NIA sleuths also conducted searches at Darul Uloom Siraj-ul-Uloom in Shopian, which was declared an unlawful association by the J&K administration last month.

The seminary is the first religious educational institution in J&K to be declared unlawful under the UAPA.

The NIA officials thoroughly conducted searches at Darul Uloom and two other locations in Srinagar. The documents and digital devices were checked by the NIA officials. "The searches led to the recovery of several incriminating financial documents and electronic gadgets suspected to be related to activities of JeI and its various trusts/associations in J&K," an NIA spokesman said.

The NIA has been probing separatist and secessionist activities of JeI, which was declared an unlawful association under the UAPA by the central government in February 2019.

Mann makes U-turn, says Punjab plans 'no-go zones' for stray dogs and animals

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

TAKING a U-turn, the Punjab Government is now planning 'no-go zones' for stray dogs and other animals across the state in line with Supreme Court directions. Earlier, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had spoken about euthanising stray dogs, though the government has no such policy in place.

Sources said the state Local Government Department has started identifying high-priority areas where stray dogs and cattle will not be allowed. These "no-go zones" are likely to be established along highways and around key public institutions, including schools, hospitals, sports complexes, bus stands, railway stations, parks, religious places and airports.

Before these zones are earmarked, the government will map vulnerable areas and appoint nodal officers to monitor and enforce. Officials from respective departments will be tasked with preventing the entry of animals, strengthening fencing and gates within eight weeks, and ensuring scientific waste management to eliminate food sources that attract stray animals.

Local bodies are also expected to issue detailed directions to Deputy Commissioners, Municipal Corporations and Panchayats for implementing the plan across the state. The move is part of a comprehensive strategic action plan for stray animal management being prepared by the department.

Sources further said Animal Birth Control (ABC) centres will be set up in all 23 districts of Punjab. At present, only 18 such centres are operational, sterilising around 3,500 dogs every month across the state.

A senior government functionary said the formal action plan would be released this week. Initially, the focus will be on highways, where civic bodies, along with the Transport Department, PWD, National Highways authorities and state police, will launch drives to remove stray cattle and animals. Signboards carrying emergency helpline numbers will also be installed so people can report stray animals.

The government also plans to construct more dog pounds. At present, Punjab has only one dog pound.

RAIPUR DIARY

EJAZ KAISER
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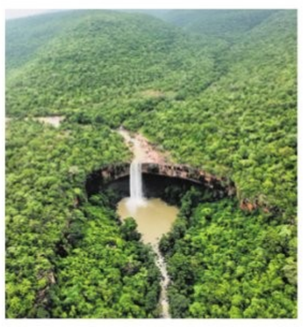
Forests contribute over 11% to state GDP

Chhattisgarh's forests contribute over 11% to the state economy through 'ecosystem services', according to an extensive study conducted by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) that exposed the true financial powerhouse. Chhattisgarh's forests don't just contribute 3.46% to the state economy through timber and logging; instead, they pump ₹1.41 lakh crore annually. With nearly 44% of its landscape under forest cover, the state is home to roughly 1.27 crore people living in or near forests. The study looked past tangible assets like bamboo or fuelwood to calculate the value of nature's invisible infrastructure.



Rare avalokiteshvara idol to return home

A rare bronze idol of Lord Avalokiteshvara—which stands as a living symbol of Chhattisgarh's rich Buddhist traditions and ancient craftsmanship—was stolen from the Mahant Ghasidas Memorial Museum in Raipur and is finally on its way back home. Valued at around ₹19 crore in the international market, this historical artefact is being repatriated from the US to India. The state government is actively driving initiatives to reinstall the deity at its original home in the Raipur museum. This breakthrough comes as part of a repatriation effort by the US, which has recently returned 657 ancient historical artefacts valued at nearly $14 million to India.

Hundreds of bats drop dead due to heatwave

A severe heatwave accompanied by intense loo winds sweeping across the Pali region in Korba district has caused distress to local wildlife, with hundreds of bats dying due to heatstroke. The extreme weather has taken a toll on the local ecosystem, with temperatures soaring to over 43°C even as the onset of Nautapa, the traditional nine-day peak summer period, begins on May 25. The ecological crisis is most visible along the banks of Naukoniya Pond in Pali, a well-known sanctuary where thousands of migratory bats usually take refuge between February and March. Unable to withstand thermal stress, bats have been falling from branches .

CBI PROBE

SC asks media not to record statements in Twisha case

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday directed the Madhya Pradesh government to ensure that the alleged dowry death case of former Miss Pune winner, Twisha Sharma, is handed over to the CBI. Hours later, the CBI formally took over the probe. The court also urged the media not to record the statements of witnesses or any potential accused, saying it could prejudice the probe.

A three-judge bench said the court was pained by the narrative that the judiciary was shielding the accused. The remark came after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted that the CBI will take over the probe. Mehta said, "For parents, it is better to have a divorced daughter than to have a dead one."

The court asked the victim's family and potential witnesses to record statements before the probe agency, not through media bytes. Later, the MP High Court adjourned to May 27 the hearing on pleas challenging the anticipatory bail granted to ex-judge Giribala Singh, booked for alleged dowry harassment of her daughter-in-law Twisha.

NDPS accused escapes Kerala police custody from Rajdhani Exp at Vadodara

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A drug peddler being escorted by Kerala Police to Delhi dramatically escaped from custody at Gujarat's Vadodara railway station after allegedly pushing two policemen and disappearing from the Rajdhani Express in the middle of the night. Despite a massive search operation across railway stations, the accused is untraceable.

The accused has been identified as 36-year-old Mohammad Hanifa Abubakar, a resident of Kozhikode, Kerala, who was arrested in a narcotics-related case registered under the NDPS Act. According to the complaint lodged at the Vadodara Railway Police Station, the police team boarded the Rajdhani Express from Kozhikode railway station on May 22 to take the accused to Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station in Delhi.

The train halted briefly at Vadodara station on May 23. At around 12:30 am, the accused sought permission to use the washroom. Police Head Constables Binoy and Anish escorted him to the toilet area. After returning from the washroom, Hanifa stood near the washbasin pretending to wash his hands. Within seconds, he allegedly shoved both policemen forcefully in the chest, catching them completely off guard.

Mohammad Hanifa Abubakar

The impact caused Head Constable Binoy to fall to the ground, while the accused seized the brief window of confusion to sprint towards coach B/4 before disappearing from sight. As panic spread inside the moving train, Head Constable Anish immediately chased the accused through the coaches, while injured officer Binoy alerted the rest of the escort team. A frantic search operation was launched.

The train staff were informed immediately, and surveillance checks were initiated. However, despite repeated searches, the accused could not be located.

On the run for 13 yrs, death row convict held in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

MISSING for 13 years after jumping parole, a death-row convict involved in one of Ahmedabad's most brutal murder-and-robbery cases has been arrested by the Gujarat Police. The accused had murdered a businessman inside a hotel room in 1994, beheaded him, packed the body in a travel bag, and abandoned it near Adalaj before disappearing for more than a decade.

The Ahmedabad Crime Branch identified the arrested man as Satish Ruparelia, also known as Bhikhu and Sanjay Thakkar, the main accused in the 1994 Neelam Hotel murder case. The crime occurred on October 22, 1994, when cloth merchant Arvind Shah was called to Neelam Hotel in Ahmedabad with the promise of a discounted cloth deal. Investigators said the meeting was planned as a robbery trap.

According to police, Satish and his associates targetted Shah for cash and gold jewellery. Inside the hotel room, Shah was killed and later decapitated in an attempt to destroy evidence and hide his identity. His body was placed inside a travel bag, transported from Ahmedabad to Adalaj, and dumped in an isolated area to mislead investigators.

The murder shocked Gujarat because of its brutality and became one of Ahmedabad's most widely discussed criminal cases. After a detailed investigation, Ruparelia was chargesheeted under the Indian Penal Code for murder, robbery, and criminal conspiracy. In April 2000, the Additional City Sessions Court in Ahmedabad sentenced him to death, citing the cruel nature of the crime.

During imprisonment, Satish was granted temporary parole in 2013. He violated the conditions, failed to return to prison, and disappeared. Police said he avoided arrest all these years by changing locations, using false identities, and blending into ordinary life.

The Crime Branch later formed a special team that used surveillance, intelligence inputs, and field tracking to locate him. Officers surrounded his hideout and arrested him without resistance. After legal procedures, the police returned him to judicial custody.

Satish Ruparelia

Harsh sentence for 'cruel nature of the crime'

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'Local action, global impact' at Kopra reservoir

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

KOPRA Reservoir, Chhattisgarh's first designated Ramsar site in Bilaspur district, has emerged as an inspiring model for embodying the core spirit of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2026—"Local Action, Global Impact".

With environmental conservation, biodiversity preservation, and community-driven climate action, the reservoir showcases how localised ecological efforts can resonate on a global scale.

In the quiet hours of the morning, the tranquil landscape of Kopra comes alive with the melodious chirping of migratory birds blending with the daily routines of local villagers. For years, this vital wetland has served as the socio-economic and ecological backbone of the region, supporting livelihoods through fisheries and agriculture while maintaining the local environmental equilibrium.

Greater flamingos flock to Kopra Reservoir in Bilaspur district of C'garh | EXPRESS

Active public involvement key in transformation

Regular cleanliness drives, massive tree plantation initiatives, and the implementation of bio-fencing are being carried out consistently through community mobilisation. This active public involvement has also fostered a deep sense of shared responsibility.

"Securing international Ramsar recognition for Kopra Reservoir is a matter of immense pride for Chhattisgarh. Our government remains fully committed to strengthening biodiversity and wetland conservation," said Vishnu Deo Sai, Chief Minister.

The state government has significantly accelerated initiatives aimed at wetland development, wildlife protection, and intensive afforestation. Forest and Climate Change Minister Kedar Kashyap emphasised that the state's rich biodiversity is an invaluable heritage. He noted that the revival of the Kopra Reservoir proves that when governance aligns with community resolve, it secures a sustainable future for generations to come.

Kopra Reservoir has established itself as a critical sanctuary for thousands of migratory birds that traverse international borders and various Indian states every year. The rich aquatic ecosystem offers an abundant supply of food and a peaceful resting ground for these avian visitors.

Beyond serving as a bird paradise, the reservoir nurtures a complex web of life, providing a habitat for diverse fish species, aquatic plants, and vital microorganisms. It is this exceptional biodiversity and dense ecological web that earned the reservoir its prestigious international recognition as a Ramsar site of global importance.

The transformation of Kopra Reservoir into a national model is deeply rooted in grassroots participation. Local villagers, youth groups, school students, and women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have taken ownership of the wetland's upkeep.

Pranayama in the hosp waiting hall: New prescription from Haryana

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

NEXT time you walk into a government hospital in Haryana—whether as a patient, an anxious attendant, or someone waiting outside an OPD—don't be surprised if, along with treatment and counseling, you are asked to sit down for a free yoga session.

In a first-of-its-kind move aimed at blending traditional wellness practices with mainstream healthcare, the Haryana Government is launching 'Sanjeevani Yog (SanYog)', a programme that will station yoga instructors and AYUSH doctors across government hospitals in the state.

Announcing the initiative, Haryana Health Minister Aarti Singh Rao said the programme is being introduced to make healthcare services holistic and a "milestone" in Haryana's public health journey. Under the scheme, yoga sessions, pranayama exercises, and lifestyle guidance will now become part of the routine experience at district hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), and Primary Health Centres (PHCs).

Patients waiting in OPD lines can participate in guided breathing exercises and basic yoga sessions conducted by trained yoga assistants and AYUSH doctors. Patients admitted to IPD wards will also receive specialised yoga therapy and counselling on healthy lifestyle practices, depending on the advice of medical officers and doctors.

The government is simultaneously expanding its focus on preventive healthcare for senior citizens as well through special health camps organised at all Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AYUSH) on Thursdays. To monitor these services, the state has also developed a digital platform called the 'Vridh Sewa Evam Swasthya' portal, which will soon be launched.

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OFFICE PREMISES REQUIRED AT HSR LAYOUT, BENGALURU

Bank desires to acquire office premises on long lease, preferably on Ground floor at HSR Layout - Sector I, Bengaluru, having carpet area of around **1500 to 2000 sq. ft.** Interested parties owning suitable premises may apply to **Regional Office, Mission Road, Bengaluru** within 10 days (excluding the date of advertisement). Applications received by 6.00 pm on Jun 05, 2026 will only be accepted. Performa and other details can be downloaded from our website **https://www.idbibank.in** under **Notices – Tenders or collected from any of our Branches.**

Sd/-
Date: May 26,2026 **Chief General Manager**
Place: Bengaluru Bengaluru Zone

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

APPLICATION NOTIFICATION NO.565/ATVM Facilitator/05-02/2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications from Retired Railway Employees/General Public of Bengaluru Division for Engagement of ATVM facilitator at the following Railway Stations over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved/General Tickets through ATVM machines on recharge bonus basis for a period of two years which can be extended to further one year subject to extension of the scheme and satisfaction of the Competent Authority.

SL NO.	Station	Station Category	No. of Vacancies for ATVM facilitator
1	Bengaluru Cantonment	NSG-3	3
2	Tumakuru	NSG-4	4
3	Channapatna	NSG-5	4
4	Hindupur	NSG-4	3
5	Malur	NSG-5	4
6	Ramanagaram	NSG-4	5
7	Kuppam	NSG-5	3
8	Maddur	NSG-5	1
9	Whitefield	NSG-4	2
10	Yelahanka	NSG-3	4
Total			33

Last date for submission of application :
From 10.00 hours to 15:00 hours of 25.06.2026
Date and time of opening of application : **15:05 hours of 25.06.2026**

For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

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Regional Office West
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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office West, Bengaluru** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Speed post, to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by Speed post, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor :

1. Mr. M Jyothi Prakash (Borrower) S/o M Damodar Naidu, D No 24 53, S N Puram, Kongareddypalli, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh - 517001 **Also at:** No 395, 3rd Floor 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Ashwath Nagar, Marathahalli, Bangalore Karnataka - 560037 **Also at:** 23 435/1A, N B Colony Kongareddy Palli, Near Saibaba Temple Chittoor Andhra Pradesh - 517001 **2 Mrs. Manasa S (Guarantor)** W/o Suresh Kothuri, No 15, Sai Keerthana, Gangamma Layout,k R Puram Extension, behind Gangamma Temple, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560036

Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the borrower:

Loan Number Nature of loan limit	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount In Rs	Liability with Interest as on date 21.05.2026	Rate of Interest
160002290333 HOUSING LOAN	28.03.2024	Rs. 54,90,000/-	Rs. 43,72,837.00	7.25%+2 % Penal Interest
164004323158 HOME LOAN SECURE	05.04.2024	Rs. 1,58,157/-	Rs. 1,41,565.00	8.10% +2 % Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs.45,14,402(Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Two Only) as on **21.05.2026** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date :19.05.2026 Demand Notice Dated :22.05.2026

Name of the title holder : Mr. M Jyothi Prakash

Details of Security Assets

SCHEDULE-A- (Property on which "CASTLETON GREENS" Phase I is being developed) i) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 69 Measuring 2 Acres 02 Guntas. Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/61/2014-15 Dated 16-01-2014 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by: Property belonging to Sri Ramaswamy Reddy West by: Property belonging to Hosahalli Gulliah, North by: Property belonging to Shambaiah, South by: Property belonging to H. M. Krishnappa.

ii) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 73 Measuring 1 Acre 03 Guntas, Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Land bearing Sy.o.76, West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 69 North by: Road South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 72

iii) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No.74 Measuring 0-13 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Property belonging to Muthappa, West by: Property belonging to Ramaswamy Reddy, North by: Raja Kaluva, South by: Remaining property belonging to Ramesh Reddy.

iv) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-13 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Property belonging to Gullappa, West by: Property belonging to Shambaiah, North by Kaluva, South by : Property belonging to M/s Associate Dwellings (P) Ltd

v) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-14 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Remaining property in same Sy. No.74, West by: Remaining property in Same Sy.No.74, North by: Kaluva, South by: Land bearing Sy. No.73 and 69.

vi) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-12 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Remaining Property in same Sy.No.74, West by: Land, bearing Sy.No.64 and Kaluve, North by: Kaluva, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.69

vii) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-12 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded. the East by: Earlier land belonging to Muniswamappa presently Muthappa land, West by: Land belonging to late Shambaiah, North by: Raja Kaluva South by: Earlier belonging to Bhaskar Reddy presently Ramesh Reddy's Land.

viii) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 76 Measuring 1-24 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/02/2014-15 Dated 05-09-2014 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Sy.No.75 and 77 West by: Sy. No.73, 72 and Sy. No.71 North by: Sy. No. 75 South by Road.

SCHEDULE-B(Property hereby agreed to be sold to the Purchaser) An undivided share of land 900 sft, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' at "CASTLETON GREENS" in composite Schedule Property bounded on the :-East by: Road, West by: Villa no 104, North by: Road, South by : Villa no 102

SCHEDULE-C(Description of the Residential Unit agreed to be sold to the Purchaser corresponding to the acquisition of Schedule "B' Property): An 3 bedroom Residential Unit bearing No -101 on the Ground and First Floor of the Building known as "Castleton Greens" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a Super built-up area of 1450 Square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the building.

CERSAI ID: 400079012307

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagers. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 22.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition, Head Office, No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: KIADB/SLAO/773/2026-27 Date: 14.05.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public and related Land Khatedars/Anubhavdars/interested people that total 22-08 A/G Land in below mentioned Survey Numbers in Manduru Village, Bidarahalli – 2 Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, for the purpose of Karnataka Industrial Area Development, Preliminary Notification No.: CI 43 SPQ 2007 Dated 07.02.2007 has been published in Karnataka State Gazette. This Notice has been published after obtaining consent from Khatedars. Furthermore, If there are any objections to this Land Acquisition Process, within 30 days from the date of receiving the Notice, objections should be submitted in writing, in person or through authorized person to Head Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer (KIADB), No. 14/3, C.F.C. Building, Maharshi Aravinda Bhavana, 1st Floor, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru – 560001 and Details of the Lands for Acquisition are as below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Khatedar/Anubhavadar	Survey No.	Acquisition Area		
			AinuA-G	KharabuA-G	RemainingA-G
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Village: Manduru Hobli: Bidarahalli – 2 Taluk: Bengaluru East District: Bengaluru				
1	Anjanappa G S/o Gundappa	21	2-23	0-13	2-10
2	Anjanappa G S/o Gundappa	22/1	2-14	0-04	2-10
3	Anjanappa G S/o Gundappa	22/2	2-02	-	2-02
4	Anjanappa G S/o Gundappa	22/3	0-07	-	0-07
5	Anjanappa G S/o Gundappa	23	2-11	0-02	2-09
6	Shamanna S/o Muninanjappa B.	35	2-21	0-07	2-14
7	Sridhara M.A. S/o Gowda M.A. Urf M. Anjanappa	34	3-16	-	3-16
8	M.N. Krishnamurthy S/o Nanjappa	36/1	0-36	-	0-36
9	Appaji Gowda S/o Narayanappa, M.A. Sridhara S/o GowdaM. Basappa S/o Late Muniyappa, M. Patalappa S/o Late Muniyappa	36/2	0-26	0-06	0-20
10	Saraswathamma W/o A. Krishnappa, Jayanna W/o Late Narayanaswamy, Chaved Sharief S/o Late Abdul Jaleel	36/3P	1-20	-	1-20
11	Jayanna A. S/o Anjanappa	36/4A	1-03	0-01	1-02
12	Saraswathamma W/o A. Krishnappa, Kamalamma W/o Late Narayanaswamy, Chaved Sharief S/o Late Abdul Jaleel	36/4B	1-05	-	1-05
13	C.H. Subramanya S/o Late Huchappa, M.H. Narayanaswamy S/o Late Huchappa	36/5	0-25	0-06	0-19
14	Appaji Gowda S/o Narayanappa, M. Basappa S/o Late Muniyappa, M. Patalappa S/o Late Muniyappa	37/P	1-13	0-01	1-11

Abstract

Sl.No.	Village	Acquisition Area		
		AinuA–G	KharabA–G	BalanceA–G
1	Manduru	22-22	1-01	21-21
	Total	**22-22**	**1-01**	**21-21**

It is hereby informed to the Khathedars / Anubhavadars / Interested persons of the above mentioned Lands that under Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Section 28 (2) Information Notices were issued to the Notified Khathedars/ Anubhavadars and sent by Registered Post. Khathedars/ Claimants of the above mentioned Lands should consider this Notification as Information Notice under K.I.A.D. Act 1966 Section 28 (2).

Khathedars / Interested persons have already given their consent for land acquisition. Even then, if there are any objections to this Land Acquisition Process, for Khathedars/ Anubhavadars, related to the above area Enquiry for Mandur Village has been fixed on 16.06.2026 at 11.30 AM. It is informed to submit along with documents in writing or in person.

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB (Head Office).

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
NOTIFICATION
Bengaluru, 07th May, 2026

S.O. 2310(E) - In the exercise of the powers conferred by clause (6) of section 20F and clause 7A of section 2 of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) the Ministry of Railway (South Western Railway, Construction Organization, Bengaluru Cantonment) hereby authorizes the officers mentioned in column (4) of the table below as 'Competent Authority' and the officers mentioned in column (5) of the table below as 'Arbitrator' to perform the functions as such authority under the said act with effect from date of publication of this notification in the official gazette in respect of Special Railway Projects mentioned in column (2) relating to district mentioned in column (3) of the table below for public purpose of execution, maintenance, management and operation of such Special Railway Project.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	District	Competent Authority	Arbitrator
1	2	3	4	5
1	Bengaluru City - Mysuru section: Construction of Road Under Bridge in lieu of LC No. 10 at KM: 10/900-11/000 between Nayandahalli and Kengeri Stations	Bengaluru	Special Land Acquisition Officer, Bengaluru	Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru

No.W.271/CN/BNC/2026-27/Land SRP/1727

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 12.06.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 103,92,19,056.49/- (Rupees One Hundred and Three Crores Ninety Two Lakhs Nineteen Thousand and Fifty Six and Forty Nine Paisa Only) as on 20.05.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s Kashyap Constructions Pvt Ltd,** No.216/1, I Floor, 3rd Phase 100 Ft Ring Road, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore-560085**, (2) Santhosh L S, (3) Sreeranga Raju L V, (4) Bharathi B R, 5.Mrs. Vani M, Sl no 2 to 5 residing at:** No 537, Jyeshta, 3rd Main Road,Hosakerehalli Cross,BSK III Stage, Girinagar,Bangalore-560085, **(6) Mr. Ashok Raj A, (7) Mrs. JocyeMettleda, Sl No. 6 to 7 residing at:** No 8, 13th Cross, Ramesh Nagar,Marathahalli,Bangalore – 560 037, **(8) Venkateswara Ravi Prasad J,** H No 51/936-C,Opp New Bus Stand, Bellary Road, Kurnool 518001, **(9) Basavara Patel,** No.32, Sankar 4th Cross,1st Main R K Garden, New BEL Road, Bangalore 560054. **(10) J. Gopal, (11) Bhaskar J, Sl No. 10 to 11 residing at:** No 51/913-A, Opp. New Bus Stand Bellary Road Kurnool 518001. **(12) Mr J Sudhakar** S/o Juturu Chinna Seshaiah Shetty, No. 51/1967-A7 Illuru Nagar, Kurnool 518001.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **11.06.2026 - 5.00 pm.** **(₹. in Lakhs)**

Lot No	Description of the Property	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value
1	EMT of commercial building "Kamala Lodge" at D No 51/936 G in Sy nos 403/2A3, 404B/2C & 404/A3, 51st ward. Opp New APSRTS Bus stand, Bellary Road, Kurnool. Standing in the joint names of J Gopal, J Bhaskar, J Sudhakar, J Venkateswara Ravi Prasad. Land admeasuring 3702.28 sq ft. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 15.8255150, Longitude- 78.0279510**	₹. 912.00	₹. 91.20	₹. 5.00
2	EMT of commercial building "JCS Complex" at No 51/939 A in Sy nos 403/2A3, 404B/2C & 404/A3, 51st ward. Opp. New APSRTS Bus stand, Bellary road, Kurnool. Standing in the joint names of J Gopal, J Bhaskar, J Sudhakar, J Venkateswara Ravi Prasad. Total Carper Area 6529.50 Sq.ft. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 15.825509, Longitude- 78.028149**	₹. 665.00	₹. 66.50	₹. 5.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 9486092152 and 8508442767 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 21.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 17.06.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Guarantor(s), Mortgagor(s) & Co-obligant(s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical / Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" on 17.06.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **16.06.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/ Co-Obligant/s Loan Account No.	Balance O/S as on 21.05.2026 Rs. Future Interest From + Penal Charges + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s Supreme Steel and Co. Represented by the Partners:** Mr.Syed Saifuddin, Mr.Syed Samiuddin, Mr.Syed Najmuddin, Mr.Syed Zafaruddin, Adressed at: Sana Building, 1584/1, Behind Taj Hotel, B M Road, Channapatna-562160, Ramanagara District. **(2) Mr.Syed Saifuddin** S/o Mr.Syed Ahmed, No.1582, Siraj Compound, Khinath Colony, Channapatna 562160 Ramanagara District. **(3) Mr.Syed Samiuddin** S/o Syed Ahmed, No.1582, Siraj Compound, Khinath Colony, Channapatna-562160, Ramanagara District **(4) Mr.Syed Najmuddin** S/o Syed Ahmed No.1582, Upper Daira, Khinath Mohalla Channapatna 562160, Ramangara District. **(5) Mr.Syed Zafaruddin** S/o Mr.Syed Ahmed, No.1471/A, Islamapur Mohalla, Daira, Channapatna-562160, Ramanagara District. **Loan A/c Nos.:** **1) PSOD A/c No.1437000600020101** **2) PSTL A/c No.1437001800083901** **3) PSTL A/c No.1437001800084401** **4) Bank Guarantee (Protested Bills A/c No. 1437003900000301)** **5) Bank Guarantee (Protested Bills A/c No. 0143702400017201)**	**Total Amount Rs.3,79,84,991.58 [Rupees Three Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One and Paisa Fifty Eight Only] as on 21.05.2026** **1) [Rs.2,09,27,525.32 +Future interest from 01.05.2026 + Penal Charges + Costs** **2) [Rs.41,30,807.48 +Future interest from 26.04.2026 + Penal Charges + Costs** **3) [Rs.3,83,408.78 Future interest from 11.05.2026 + Penal Charges + Costs** **4) [Rs.27,74,351.00 Future interest from 01.05.2026 + Penal Charges + Costs** **5) [Rs.97,68,899.00 Future interest from 01.05.2026 + Penal Charges + Costs]**	**08.09.2025 Physical**	**Item No.1:** All that part and parcel of property bearing property **Khatha No.1964/1795/4 (Old No.1584/2/4), PID No.29-2-7-10G** with Site measuring **2400 Sq.ft** and Building thereon, situated at No.10G, Ward No.29, BM Road East, Block No.2, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara District belonging to **Mr.Syed Zafarudddin. Boundaries of Land as per Document:- East:** Property of Azeezunnisa, **West:** Property of Mushak Ahmed and Musthari Begum **North:** Property of Mumtaz, **South:** Road.	**Rs. 1,22,71,500/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Two Lakh Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Only)**	**Rs. 12,27,150/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty Only)**	**11:30 AM to 11:45 AM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Channapatna A/c No: 1433500200004101 IFSC Code : KARB0000143**
				Item No.2: All that part and parcel of property bearing Khatha **No.1964/1795/5 (Old No.1584/2/5),PID No.29-2-7-10D** with Site measuring 1200 Sq.ft and Building thereon ,situated at No.10D, Ward No.29, BM Road East, Block No.2, Channapatna Town ,Ramanagara District belonging to **Mr.Sayed Saifuddin. Boundaries of Land as per Document:- East:** Property of Ajmath Unnisa, **West:** Road, **North:** Property of Musthari Banu, **South:** Road.	**Rs. 61,35,750/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)**	**Rs. 6,13,575/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Only)**	**11:50 AM to 12:05 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Channapatna A/c No: 1433500200004101 IFSC Code : KARB0000143**
				Item No.3: All that part and parcel of property bearing property Khatha **No.1964/1795/1(Old No.1584/2/1),PID No.29-2-7-10C** with Site measuring 1200 Sq.ft and Building thereon ,situated at No.10C, Ward No.29, BM Road East, Block No.2, Channapatna Town ,Ramanagara District belonging to **Mr.Syed Najmuddin. Boundaries of Land as per Document:- East** : Property of Mr.Syed Jafrudddin, **West** : Road, **North** : Property of Mohammad Mumtaj, **South** : Property of Syed Saifuddin.	**Rs. 74,14,500/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Only)**	**Rs. 7,41,450/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Forty One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Only)**	**12:10 PM to 12:25 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Channapatna A/c No: 1433500200004101 IFSC Code : KARB0000143**
				Item No.4: All that part and parcel of property bearing property Khatha **No.1964/1795/2(Old No.1584/2/2),PID.No.29-2-7-10I,** with Site measuring 2400 Sq.ft ,situated at No.10I, Ward No.29, BM Road East, Block No.2, Channapatna Town ,Ramanagara District belonging to **Mr.Syed Samiuddin. Boundaries of Land as per Document:- East:** Property of Mr.Mohamed Saleem, **West:** Property of Ajmath Unnisa, **North:** Property of Mohammed Mumtaz;**South:** Road.	**Rs. 1,56,96,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Six Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 15,69,600/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only)**	**12:30 PM to 12:45 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Channapatna A/c No: 1433500200004101 IFSC Code : KARB0000143**
2	**(1) Mr.Srinivas** S/o Mr. Puttamaraiah **(2) Mr.Rekha V** W/o Mr.Srinivas **(3) Mr.Kiran Kumar S** S/o Mr.Srinivas, **All are residing at :** No.166,M.G Road,Near K N S Circle, Kanakapura, Ramanagara -562117 **Loan A/c No.:** **TL A/c No. 4407001600017201**	**Rs.1,63,54,411.80 [Rupees One Crore Sixty Three Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Eleven and Paisa Eighty Only] & Future Interest from 15.05.2026 plus penal Charges and costs.**	**24.02.2025 & Constructive**	**(1) Khata No.665/B/870B/666/D/871/864/D,Property No.12-2-105B,** measuring 820 Sq.ft. (2) Khata No.665/870/666A/871/864/A, Property No.12-02-103,measuring 494.82 Sq.ft (3) Khata No.665A/870/A/666A/871/864/A, Property No.12-2-103A,measuring 667 Sq.ft (4) Khata No.665/870/666A/871/864/A2, Property No.12-2-103A2,measuring 194.54 Sq.ft (5)Khata No.666C/871/864C, Property No.12-2-105D, measuring 693.75 Sq.ft (6) Khata No.666/871/864/665C/870C, Property No.12-2-105D1,measuring 269 Sq.ft (7) Khata No.666/871/864/665C/870C, Property No.12-2-105A,measuring 856 Sq.ft (8) Khata No.665/870/666A/864/A1, Property No.12-2-103A1,measuring 319.64 Sq.ft (9) Khata No.666B/871/864/B, Property No.12-2-105C, measuring 924 Sq.ft, Now all the sites are amalgamated into single site, bearing the No.12-2-103,SAS No.665/870/666A/871/864/A, measuring 668.03853110 Sq.mtr situated at MG Road East Side (NH209) Near KNS Circle, Ward No.24, Kanakapura belonging to Mr.Srinivasa. Boundaries of property as per Documents: East by : D. Kantha & C K Shivanna's Road, West by : M G Road and Property of Gopalakrishna and others, North by : Property of Divakar, South by : Property of R. Krishnamurthy and Others.	**Rs. 3,02,21,500/- (Rupees Three Crore Two Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred only)**	**Rs. 30,22,150/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Only)**	**11.30 A M to 12.15 P M**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Kanakapura Branch A/c No: 4403500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000440**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/ Co-Obligant/s)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.bank.in.

The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ on **17.06.2026 at above mentioned time** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **16.06.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD**(Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) **Contact No. :** 8885035382, E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 21.05.2026 **Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,**
Place: Tumakuru **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Thai rescuers race to reach 7 trapped in Laos cave

VIENTIANE

CAVE rescue experts from Thailand who aided the dramatic 2018 retrieval of a youth football team joined efforts Monday to extract seven people trapped in a flooded cave for five days in neighbouring Laos, Laotian state media said.

Seven Laotian villagers entered the cave in central Xaysomboun province, about 125 kilometres (78 miles) northeast of the capital Vientiane, on May 20, state-run *Laophattana News* said. They were searching for gold but were trapped inside the cave after heavy rain triggered flash flooding, blocking their exit, it added. Authorities and villagers have been working to pump water out of the cave, but rescue teams have not been able to reach the group. "We still do not know whether there are any signs of life or if they are still alive," Bounkham Luanglat, president of a Laotian volunteer rescue association, told AFP. *AFP*

Hormuz, N-stockpile are sticking issues

Local media says any potential agreement would preserve Tehran's management over the strait, for which it imposes a tax on oil tankers

TEHRAN

THE United States and Iran have both played down chances of a quick deal to end a war that has engulfed the West Asia and disrupted the global oil market. US President Donald Trump said on Monday that a deal with Tehran would either be "great and meaningful" or there would be "no deal" at all. He added that Saudi Arabia and other Gulf nations must normalise ties with Israel as part of efforts to reach a deal with Iran, adding fresh uncertainty into protracted peace negotiations.

Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said progress had been made in talks with Washington, but a final agreement was not yet within reach.

Talks remain inconclusive

A major issue in the talks is traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, the vital global conduit for oil shipments that has come under Iranian control since the outbreak of the war. Iran has insisted that vessels must obtain permission from its armed forces.

Trump said on Saturday that "in addition to many other elements of the Agreement, the Strait of Hormuz will be opened", a development that would bring relief to global energy markets.

But Iran's Fars news agency said that, if finalised, the potential agreement would preserve Iran's management over the strategic waterway.

Tasnim news agency reported that the "status of the Strait of Hormuz would not revert to its pre-war situation". Tasnim also reported that "the naval blockade, according to the reported framework, would need to be fully lifted within 30 days", referring to the US blockading Iranian ports.

WAR WATCH

Focus on maritime access

Iran has long demanded the release of its frozen assets held under longstanding US sanctions. According to Tasnim, "Iran has insisted that any initial understanding must be conditional on at least partial access to the assets".

It quoted an informed source as saying that Iran "has stressed that there will be no agreement unless a specified portion of Iran's frozen assets is released at the very first stage".

According to Fars, a potential understanding would also see the US temporarily lifting sanctions on oil, gas and petrochemicals during the negotiation period.

Iran has previously said that any ceasefire must apply to all fronts of the regional war, including Lebanon. *AFP*

Smoke rises following an Israeli airstrike that targeted the southern Lebanese village of Nabatieh | AFP

Israel orders evacuations in Lebanon ahead of strikes

JERUSALEM: Israel's military on Monday warned residents of 10 villages in southern Lebanon to evacuate ahead of expected strikes on alleged Hezbollah targets. Military spokesman Avichay Adraee accused Hezbollah of violating the ceasefire agreement and urged civilians to move at least 1,000 metres away. Later, fresh evacuation warnings were issued for buildings near the city of Tyre, which Israel said were linked to Hezbollah facilities. Despite an April 17 ceasefire, Israel and Hezbollah have continued near-daily exchanges of fire. Lebanese authorities say Israeli strikes since early March have killed over 3,100 people. The Israeli military also said a soldier was killed in southern Lebanon on Sunday, raising its military death toll to 23.

Israel opposition leader says deal bad for country

JERUSALEM

THE deal being discussed between the US and Iran fails to achieve any of Israel's goals for the war, Israel's opposition leader Yair Lapid said on Monday, as he accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of failing to influence a better agreement.

Lapid, who is part of an alliance attempting to unseat Netanyahu in elections this year, said details of the emerging deal are "disturbing."

"The deal is bad for Israel, bad for the region, bad for the citizens of Iran," Lapid told reporters in Jerusalem.

Yair Lapid, Israel's opposition leader

Israel and the US launched the war on February 28 vowing to destroy Iran's ballistic missile program, end its support for proxy militant groups across the region and end Iran's ability to pursue a nuclear bomb. Both Netanyahu and President Donald Trump also said they hoped to create conditions to topple Iran's government.

According to regional officials, under the current deal being discussed Iran would give up its stockpile of highly enriched uranium and reopen the strategic Strait of Hormuz in exchange for ending a US blockade of Iranian ports and the lifting of sanctions against Iran. Key details on Iran's nuclear program would then be negotiated during a 60-day period. It is unclear if the deal will address Iran's missiles or support for regional militant groups.

Lapid thanked Trump for backing Israel in the war, but criticised Netanyahu for allowing the US to negotiate a potential deal with little coordination with Israel. He said Israel's ability to influence Washington had hit "an all-time low". Netanyahu has repeatedly stressed to Trump that Israel maintains "freedom of action" against threats in any arena, according to an official familiar with the prime minister's conversations with Trump, who spoke on condition of anonymity. *AP*

JOURNEY OF FAITH

A sea of Muslim pilgrims land in Mecca for Hajj

MECCA

The annual Hajj pilgrimage, one of the Five Pillars of Islam, officially began on Monday. More than 1.5 million pilgrims have arrived in Saudi Arabia from outside the country, Saleh bin Saad Al-Murabba, commander of the Hajj passport forces, said on Friday. The faithful have been pouring into the country for the Hajj against the backdrop of a tenuous ceasefire in the Iran war and related regional tensions and uncertainty. Egyptian pilgrim Samya Abdul Moneim said she was grateful to God that she made it to the Hajj, which is required once in a lifetime of every Muslim who can afford it and is physically able to make it. "I am in a state of blessing and happiness," she said in Mecca on Sunday. "It's an indescribable feeling, truly. I mean, thank God, I am in a blessing." Typically on the first day, many pilgrims in Mecca converge on a vast tent camp in the nearby desert. Ahead of that, pilgrims have been circling the cube-shaped Kaaba in the Grand Mosque in sweltering temperatures. *AP*

Pilgrims discuss circumambulating the Kaaba, during the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca, Saudi Arabia | AP

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.
SWRTMYPR2026WT05 dated 18.05.2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of Work	Approx.Value
Repairs & Miscellaneous works related to IOH of Track machines at Zafarabad/ Yesvantpur & STMRD/Hubballi in Yesvantpur, Bengaluru	Rs. 5,12,62,210/-

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Upto 11.00 hrs on 17.06.2026
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

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The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **M/s. MS Walktown** Residencies, A partnership Firm.

Any person(s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 07 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Sy.No.109, situated at Chokkasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring 1 Acre and is bounded as follows: On the
East by : Road
West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 106 & 111
North by : Land bearing Sy. No.110
South by : Land bearing Sy. No.108

H.K. GIRISH & Co., Advocate
73, 1st Floor, 27th Cross, 11th Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 070.
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IN THE COURT OF II ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU.
L.A.C. No.214/2019

Between:
B. Ramesh since dead
Rep by 2(a) Smt.
Lakshmidevamma & Others
Claimants.

And
The SLAO, KIADB, (METRO)
Respondent.

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE CLAIMANT No.4 U/O 5 RULE 20 OF CPC

4. Divyadevi D/o Bharathi Devi
Represented by
Kiran S/o Kodandarama
42, 1st Main Road,
Mahalakshmipuram
Bengaluru-560 056

Whereas the above case is referred by the Respondent U/s 30 & 31 of Land Acquisition Act 1894 in respect of land acquired ID.No.R3C-53/2A OF Madavara Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, SY.NO.45/1B3 measuring 69.77 Sq.Meter and deposited the compensation.

The above case has been posted on **14.07.2026 at about 11 A.M.** The Claimant No.4 you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or through counsel. If you fail to appear the case will be decided exparte.

Issued **on 10.04.2026** with the seal and sign of the court.
Bengaluru
Date:

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Senior Shirastedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Respondent
D. Boregowda,
Advocate, #S-3, 2nd Floor, KRISHNA TOWER, 3rd Main, Opp.Sapna Book House, Gandhinagara, Bengaluru-09
Mobile No: 9448846120

IN THE COURT OF THE XIV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU CITY (CCH-28)

O. S. No.1782/2025

BETWEEN
SHRI AVINASH SHANMUGAM
S/o Late Shanmugam Age: 35 Years R/o At No. 10, Venkatachalpathy Nagar, Devampalayam, Palangaral Post, Tirpur, Tamil Nadu- 641654
... Plaintiff

AND
UCO Bank and others

Summons to Def No 2&3 by way Paper Publication.

To,
2. Shri M.N. Chennaiyan Prop of Mis Shalini Textiles & Ready Made
3. Smt. Chennaiyan W/o M.N. Chennaiyan {Defendants No 2 and 3 Reside At No.18, Chandra Reddy Layout, Devera Chikanahalli, Bangalore- 560076} **...Defendants**

Whereas Shri Avinash Shanmugam has instituted a suit against UCO Bank and you both for declaration and other reliefs. You both are here by summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader on **20th Day of July 2026 at 11.00 am,** to answer the same, failing which the Suit will be disposed of exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this day of **27.04.2026.**

By Order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar City Civil Court

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I
FOR KARNATAKA, AT BANGALORE
BSNL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU - 560001
O.A No. 1579/2024

BANK OF BARODA Indiranagar 100 feet road Branch 100 ft road, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore-560038 **...APPLICANT**
V/s M/s. Colossal Industries & Others
...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFT. No. 1 AND 2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION ISSUED UNDER RULE-23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

DEFENDANT NO.1: M/s. Colossal Industries Shed 2, No.120, V Kallahalli, Colossal Industries, Sarjapura Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban Bengaluru-562125 **Also at :** No.145, KHB Colony, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore 560095
DEFENDANT NO.2 : Mrs. Nayata Kukreja W/o. Mr. Neeraj Kukreja Villa 42, Nambiar Bellezea, Chandapura, Bommasandra Circle, Narayanaghatta, Bengaluru -560099

WHEREAS the above-named Applicant has instituted the application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs.52,90,592.66/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Ninety thousand five hundred ninety two rupees and sixty six paise only) as on 15.06.2024, together with further cost and interest. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **2.9.2026 at 10:30 A.M.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 30th day of January 2026 at Bengaluru.

(Registrar)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I for Karnataka
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru -560001

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our clients are intending to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **Smt. Usha Hanumantharaya @ Usha H,** W/o. Late. Sri. V. Bhaskar, Residing at No. 33, 2nd Main Road, Behind Atria B.E. College, Cholanagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032 and her children **Sri. Kiran Veeralinga Bhaskar @ Kiran V.B., and Ms. Deepika V.B.** and in this regard our clients have already negotiated with their vendors for the purchase of the Schedule Property. If any person/s has/have any claim whatsoever over the Schedule Property and/or any portion thereof, or entered into any agreements/arrangements, understandings and/or power of attorney/s to deal with the Schedule Property and/or any portion thereof or has/have any right, title, interest, share or claim over the Schedule Property, whatsoever in nature, the same shall be intimated/notified to the undersigned in writing with all documents supporting his/her/their claim within fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, our clients would proceed with their intended purchase as if there is/are no claim/s whatsoever over the Schedule Property and the same is free from all/any encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential house property bearing Municipal No. 327/272/807/326, Old Municipal No. 807, situated within the layout formed by the Ideal Homes Co-operative Building Society Limited in Sector No. 'D' in the Ideal Homes Township, Kenchanahalli/ Halagevoderahalli, Bangalore South Taluk, currently having E.P.I.D. No. 8852974134, situated within Ward No. 160-Rajarajeshwarinagar, admeasuring East to West 55 Feet and North to South 44 Feet, in all measuring 2420 Square Feet, along with a building constructed thereon measuring 1499.999 Square Feet, together with all easement and other rights appurtenance thereto and thereupon and bounded on the;

East by : Site No. 808
West by : 33rd Main Road
North by : 24th Cross Road and
South by : Site No. 806

Sd/- S. SUBRAHMANYA, Advocate
M/s. UPASANA ASSOCIATES,
No. 37, 1st Floor (Annex), Opposite Kamala Nehru School, South End Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.
Date: 25.05.2026.
e-mail: law@upasanaassociates.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client **Sri Kutch Kadava Patidar Sanatan Samaj Rep by its President & Secretary** to bring to the notice of the general public that the original (1) sale deed dt 13.02.2012 doc No. BDH-1-09816-2011-12, CD No.BDHD83 and (2) sale deed dt 13.02.2012 doc No.BDH-1-09804-2011-12, CD No.BDHD83 both regd at Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar (Bidarahalli), Bangalore are lost/ misplaced.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim or holding the afore mentioned documents, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **15 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that land bearing **Sy.No.48/2,** extent 0-16 Guntas Katha No.150200400200320116, Property No.48/2, measuring 1618.73 Square Meters and **Sy.No.48/4,** Extent 0-24 Guntas, Katha No. 150200400200320118, measuring 2428.09 Square Meters and **Old Sy.No.48/2, New Sy.No.48/7** extent (0-11 Guntas, Katha No.150200400200320261, Property No.675/48/7, total measuring on Extent 0-11 (Eleven) Guntas or 1112.89 Square Meters and **Old Sy.No.48/1, New Sy No.48/5,** Extent 0-17 Guntas, Katha No. 150200400200320122, Property No.48/5, measuring 1719.90 Square Meters, situated at: **Kadusonnappanahalli Village, Kannur Village Panchayath, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalure Urban,** totally measuring **1 acre 28 Guntas or 6879.6 Sq.mtrs,** and bounded on:

East by : Sy.No.48/1. (Chandu Lal Property), West by : Road, North by: Road, South by: Sy.No.48/3 (Private Property).

Shivakumar, Advocate
M/s. RASHI LEGAL,
No.1252/2, M.C.Layout, A.Dasarahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore 560 040
M-9538178060,

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION: CENTRAL OFFICES: KALABURAGI

NO/KKTCO/TR/COM/ 804 /26-27 Dated: 23-05-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 01/2026 (E-PROCUREMENT PLATFORM)

Tenders/bids are invited through e-portal for the Selection of Agency for grant of Advertisement Rights on Ordinary, Express and City buses (total 1500 buses) of KKRTC for the appropriate Qualified Bidders for a period of Five(5) years.
1) ELF (Economic License Fee) is Rs. 2044/- per Bus per Month Excluding taxes, 2) Increase of 5%(five) for 2nd year and 10% (Ten) for 3rd, 4th and 5th year over the license fee of the previous year, 3) The Earnest Money Deposit amount fixed is **Rs. 20,00,000/-** (Twenty lakhs Rupees), 4) **Calendar of events: Description, Events, Date & Time :** Last date &Time for Submission of Bids: **12.06.2026, 17:00 hrs,** Date &Time of Opening of Technical Bid: **15.06.2026 11:00 hrs,** Date & time of Opening of Financial Bid: **19.06.2026 11:00 hrs**
5) The Financial Bids of the Bidders, who have qualified in Technical Bid will only be opened. 6) The Terms & Conditions, Eligibility Criteria and other Technical details can be downloaded from the e-portal website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from, 7) KKRTC reserves the right to accept or reject tenders without assigning any reason thereof. 8) For more details contact: Dy Chief Traffic Manager-7760909013, Divisional Traffic Officer-7760992024, E-mail Id: **ctmnekrtcglb@gmail.com**

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager
KKRTC Central Offices, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/162/KSMC&A/2026-27

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:EE(E)/Project/400KV/S.S.C/AE(E)/F/26-27/225-29 Date:20.05.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites Tenders for **"Providing 1 No. of Housekeeping Services to Office of the Executive Engineer (Ele), Project-400kV SSC Division, KPTCL, Hebbala, Bengaluru"** coming under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer (Ele), Project 400kV SSC Division, Hebbal, KPTCL, Bengaluru.

The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper link 'E Procurement KPTCL' OR **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **27.05.2026.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele.),
Project-400KV, S.S.C Division, KPTCL, Hebbala, Bengaluru.

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III AT CHENNAI
O.A. No. 1008 of 2025

Union Bank of India,
Chamiers Road Branch, Rep. by its Chief Manager, No. 67, Chamiers Road, Chennai 600 018
.... Applicant

-Vs-

M/s. Colorimetr Consulting Pvt Ltd., & Others
.... Defendants

To
Ms. R. Aditi Soni D/o. Rakesh Soni,
Director of M/s. Colorimetr Consulting Pvt Ltd.,
Flat No. 204, 2nd Floor, Rank Residency,
16th Main Road, Vasanthappa Garden,
Doopanhalli, Bengaluru 560 038.
Also At
Flat No. 56, Vishnu Visthara Apartments,
Block B, Bhagya Nagar Colony, Madhapur,
KV Rengareddy, Telangana 500 081.
...3rd defendant

The above O.A.No. 1008/2025 was filed by my client Union Bank of India, Chamiers Road Branch, against you before the **Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal III, Chennai** situated at No. 6th Floor, Additional office Building, Shastribhawan, Haddows Road, Nungam bakkam, at Chennai - 600 006.

The **Honble Debts Recovery Tribunal III, Chennai** was pleased to order notice to you, returnable by 19.06.2026 for your appearance. Therefore, you are hereby call upon to appear before the Debts Recovery Tribunal III, Chennai at **10.30** a.m. on **19.06.2026** failing which the order will be passed in your absence.

K. SARATH BABU
(Advocate for the Applicant)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed all and whom so ever it may concern that my clients **(1. MR. JAMBULINGAM NACHIMUTHU** S/o Nachimuthu, Age about 56 years, Aadhaar No. : XXXX XXXX 6129 and **2. MRS. AMUTHA JAMBULINGAM** W/o Jambulingam, Age about 51 years, Aadhaar No.: XXXX XXXX 5834 Both are Resident at: 255/C-12, JAMBU ILLAM MARKET, PAIPASE, Oddanchatram, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu-624619.) is intending to purchase the property for a valuable sale consideration. All that part and parcel of the Southern Portion of Property bearing Site No: 1, Khatha No: 25, New BBMP Khatha No: 3967, E-Khatha No.1515442663 Measuring East to West= 30 Feet or 9.1 Meter, North to South= 40 feet or 12.2 meter, in all measuring an extent of 1200 Square Feet or 111.5 Square Meter, Situated at: Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru City, and the same is bounded as follows:
East by : Road.
West by : Property belongs to Shashikumar.
North by : Remaining Portion of same Site No: 1.
South by : Road.
from its owner Mrs. PADMASHRI TAMADADDI W/O: Mallappa, D/o GANGAPPA MUKHANAVAR, Age about 46 years, Resident at: Jamakhandi thaluka, Maigur, Bagalkot, Karnataka – 587119,Aadhaar No.: 4948 8508 4001, PAN No.: BMJPT6343P. If anybody is having any objection/disputes for the above intended sale transaction, anyone may contact with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/disputes within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party objections/disputes in respect of the Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

Sd/-Vaseemuddin. A, (Advocate)
Y Law Asociates
No.8, 4th Cross, Someshwaranagar, Jayanagar, 1st Block, Bengaluru - 560011.
Mob. No.: 9902014008

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ROSARB - Bangalore South, 4th Floor, Vijaya Tower, Bank of Baroda, Trinity Circle, Bangalore - 560 001. Tele Phone : 080-25011441, Extn. - 128, E-Mail : sarbes@bankofbaroda.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See Provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Name & address of Borrower/s Guarantor/s/ Mortagagor (s)	detailed description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	1) Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD amount, Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1) C V Cartons, No. 58/109/2, Ramadevarabetta Road, Ward No. 1, Block 4, Chamundiura Vinayakanagara, Ramnagara Karnataka 562159. **2) Mrs. Shruthi K S** W/o. Mr. A. Raghavendra, (Proprietor), Residing at : Vinayaka Nagara, Ward No. 2, Ramanagara Town, Karnataka-562159. **3) Smt. Kusuma** W/o. Late Sri. Anku Gowda (Guarantor & Mortgagor) Residing at 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Ramanagara Town, Karnataka-562159.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential Property with ground floor building bearing Old Khatha No. 27/281/109/5, Situated at Block No. 6, Ward No 1, Vinayaka Nagara, Ramnagara Town, Ramnagara District. The Property Measuring East to West 27.43 meters X North to South 13.71 meters, Totally 376.25 Square Meters Or Say 4050.00 Square Feet, Having **Boundaries : East by :** Aga Badavane Park, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property of Raju, **South by :** Property of Jayamma. Location Co-Ordinates - 12.739259,77.295253 Baanknet Property Id : Barbvjoxfocvcarton	**1) ROSARB - Bengaluru South (Base Branch – Oxford School)** **2) Accont No.** 74360500000425 74360600002225 Total dues : **Rs. 95,55,351/-** as on 17.05.2026 and with further interest theron at the contractual rate Plus From 18.05.2026, Costs charges and expenses till date of Payment	**On 12.06.2026 from 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM.**	**Property Reserve Price: Rs. 1,52,32,500/-** **EMD : Rs. 15,23,250/-** **BID Increase Amount : Rs. 2,00,000/-**	**SYMBOLIC Possession (Physical possession under process)**	**With prior Appointment from Authorized officer (after 26.05.2026)**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the **website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction** and online auction portal **Baanknet.com.** Pending Charges regarding Property Tax, Electricity charges, E khata making charges and any other applicable charges to be borne by the highest bidder.
Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **Tel No. 080-25011441 and Mobile No. 9137960132**

Date: 25.05.2026, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, IIFL-HFL, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower/co-borrower, guarantors, mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below.
And whereas subsequently, IIFL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated **29-12-2025** assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by IIFL-HFL, Bank to borrower/ guarantor(s) along with the underlying Immovable Property to Phoenix Arc Limited (Formerly known as "Phoenix ARC Private Limited") acting in its capacity as Trustee of Phoenix Trust - FY 26-14 ("Phoenix") for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, Phoenix now stands substituted in the place of IIFL-HFL and Phoenix shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them.
The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Phoenix has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mrs. Nandini K Rental Mr. Lokesh J **(Prospect No IL11003188)**	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Site No. 9, Khata No. 288 BBMP E PID No.5816629365.Sidedahalli Village Survey no. 22/10 & 22/IG situated at Siddedahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560073 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Built_Up_Area, Area_Admeasuring Property Area: 1732.50, 1530.00, 2000.00, 2091.00 Bounded By: North: Site No.08 South: Wall East: Wall West: Road	**Rs.13638743.2/-** Rupees One Crore Thirty Six Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Three & Two Paise Only	**04-12-2025**	**22-05-2022**

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Phoenix is in the lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of Phoenix and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Phoenix for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.
The borrowers'/guarantors'/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property

PLACE : Bangalore | DATE : 26.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Phoenix ARC Limited (In capacity as Trustee)**

Phoenix ARC Limited (Formerly known as 'Phoenix ARC Private Limited')
CIN No.-U67190MH2007PLC168303 Website: www.phoenixarc.co.in
Registered Office: 3rd Floor, Wallace Towers, 139/140/B/1, Crossing of Sahar Road and Western Express Highway, Vile Parle East, Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400057. • Tel: +91 02268492450.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*			FOREX		
1073.61	Sensex	76,488.96	₹320	24 carat (10 gm)	₹159,530	1 kg	₹285,000	Dollar	95.20
312.40	Nifty	24,031.70	₹300	22 carat (10 gm)	₹146,250	10 gm	₹2,850	Euro	110.81

*Delhi Mandi Price

Will look into capital gains tax concern: FM

India levies long-term and short-term capital gains taxes of 12.5% & 20%

We are not allowing exports to take priority over domestic market needs merely because they earn foreign exchange

Nirmala Sitharaman

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said the government is open to considering concerns raised by equity investors over the taxation of capital gains. Responding to queries on demands for a review of capital gains taxes, Sitharaman said the government was prepared to hear investor feedback.

"On this specific issue, and on any issue, we are always ready and willing to listen to the people. We will certainly take their inputs," she said. She was speaking at an event in Mumbai.

Her comments come amid debate among investors and market participants over the impact of capital gains taxation on retail participation and overall market sentiment. With foreign institutional investors continuing to pull out of Indian stock markets, the minister's statement assumes significance.

Analysts and market commentators have blamed high taxes on capital gains as a reason for Indian stock markets becoming unattractive for overseas investors who have net sold stocks worth $25 billion in the calendar year so far.

India levies long-term capital gains tax (holding period more than one year) of 12.5% and short-term capital gains of 20%. Meanwhile, the finance minister on Monday flagged that there are growing concerns over what she described as the 'Three Fs' — fuel, fertiliser and foreign exchange outgo on gold imports — saying all of them are exerting pressure on India's external sector because payments have to be made in foreign currency.

During her address at the SIDBI Foundation Day Celebration, Sitharaman said: "High and very fluctuating international crude prices, unimaginable increase in the fertilizer prices, and high gold prices are creating some challenges on the external front. To put it in context, all the three payments will have to be in foreign exchange. There is no rupee trading there. We should please understand the context of these three Fs — fuel, fertilizer and foreign exchange. And the (pressure on) foreign exchange is due to purchase of gold."

While flagging the challenges, she said that India is no more in a position to be a fearmongering nation and will take all possible measures to safeguard its citizens and businesses, asserting that the government was taking calibrated steps to manage inflation and protect economic stability.

Analysts blame high taxes for FII outflow

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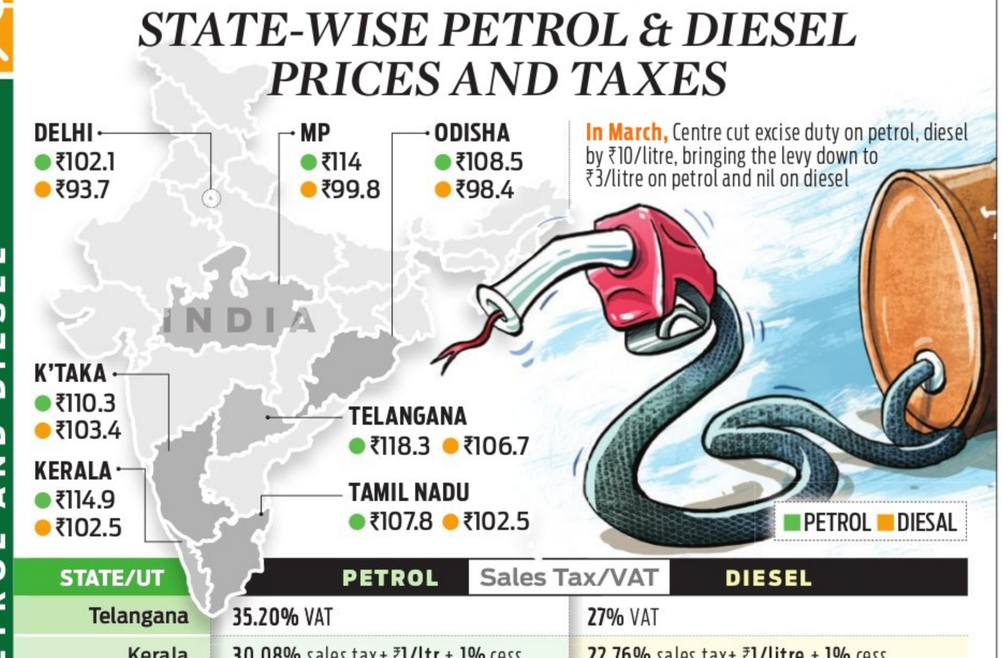
STATE-WISE PETROL & DIESEL PRICES AND TAXES



In March, Centre cut excise duty on petrol, diesel by ₹10/litre, bringing the levy down to ₹3/litre on petrol and nil on diesel

STATE TAXES ON PETROL AND DIESEL

STATE/UT	PETROL Sales Tax/VAT	DIESEL
Telangana	35.20% VAT	27% VAT
Kerala	30.08% sales tax+ ₹1/ltr + 1% cess, Social security cess ₹2 per litre	22.76% sales tax+ ₹1/litre + 1% cess, Social security cess ₹2 per litre
Madhya Pradesh	29% VAT + ₹2.5/litre VAT+1%Cess	19% VAT+ ₹1.5/litre VAT+ 1% Cess
Bihar	Higher of 23.58% or ₹16.65/ltr (30% Surcharge on VAT as irrecoverable tax)	Higher of 16.37% or ₹12.33/ltr (30% Surcharge on VAT as irrecoverable tax)
Karnataka	29.84% sales tax	21.17% sales tax
Odisha	28% VAT	24% VAT
Tamil Nadu	13% + ₹11.52 per litre	11% + ₹9.62 per litre
Chhattisgarh	24% VAT + ₹2/litre VAT	23% VAT + ₹1/litre VAT
Jharkhand	Higher of 22% on the sale price or ₹17 per litre + Cess of ₹1/ltr	Higher of 22% on the sale price or ₹12.50 per litre + Cess of ₹1/ ltr
Assam	Higher of 24.77% or ₹18.80/ ltr	Higher of 22.19% or ₹14.60/ltr (Rebate of ₹ 1.50/ltr subject to minimum tax of ₹14.60/ltr)
Goa	21.5% VAT + 0.5% Green cess	17.5% VAT + 0.5% Green cess
Haryana	Higher of 18.20% or ₹14.50/ltr as VAT+5% additional tax on VAT	Higher of 16.00% or ₹11.86/litre as VAT+5% additional tax on VAT
Delhi	19.40% VAT	₹250/KL air ambience charges + 16.75% VAT
Uttar Pradesh	Higher of 19.36% or ₹14.85/Litre	Higher of 17.08% or ₹10.41/ltr
Gujarat	13.7% VAT+ 4% Cess on Town Rate & VAT	14.9% VAT + 4% Cess on Town Rate & VAT

India, Canada targets to finalise FTA by year-end

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA and Canada aim to conclude the long-awaited Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by the end of this year or earlier, said commerce minister Piyush Goyal on Monday.

Goyal who is on a three-day trip to Canada along with more than 110 business delegation from India held an official bilateral meeting with Canada's Minister of International Trade, Maninder Sidhu, on Monday in Ottawa.

"Our prime ministers have tasked us not only with completing the free trade agreement with a comprehensive outlook before the end of this year or earlier, but tripling our trade from a current $17 billion to a level to US$50 billion by 2030," said Goyal during Joint Media Address, Ottawa, Canada.

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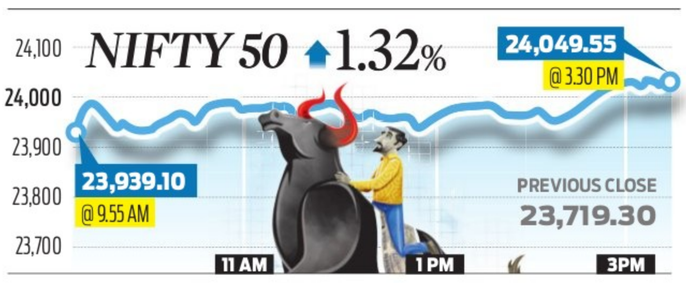
— Piyush Goyal

While both the countries aimed for the FTA, in 2023, Canada paused the FTA talks after diplomatic tensions rose between the two countries following allegations of death of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. However, relations began to normalise after a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Canadian leadership at the G7 Summit in Kananaskis.

"We made a promise to Canadians that we diversify our trading partners and we'd unlock $300 billion of additional non-US exports and this is what we're focused on in this visit," said Sidhu. Among other discussions, India aims to explore possible import opportunities of key mineras, gas and fuel from Canada. As per Goyal, Canada will be 'a reliable partner for energy source' for India. Goyal will also be meeting with Canada's "Maple 8" pension funds to seek long-term capital deployments in India's infrastructure and technology sectors.



Markets rise on easing tension in West Asia, fall in crude oil prices

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market surged sharply on Monday amid optimism over progress in the US-Iran peace talks which triggered a sharp correction in crude oil prices below $96 per barrel and supported a marginal recovery in rupee. At close, the Sensex was up 1073.61 points or 1.42% at 76,488.96, and the Nifty was up 312.40 points or 1.32% at 24,031.70.

US President Donald Trump said over the weekend that there has been significant progress towards a peace deal with Iran and confirmed that the agreement would reopen the Strait of Hormuz, a critical transit point for global oil supply. However, Trump on Monday stated that the deal would either be "meaningful" or there would be "no deal".

Equity investors earned about ₹6 lakh crore on Monday as the overall market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms rose to nearly ₹469 lakh crore from ₹463 lakh crore in the previous session. The rally in the market came despite petrol and diesel prices being hiked for the fourth time in 11 days, triggering fears of inflation in the economy.

"Markets witnessed strong positive momentum, driven by a correction in crude oil prices amid rising expectations of a potential US–Iran deal. Global sentiment improved on reports of progress towards reopening the Strait of Hormuz, although credibility remains uncertain given frequent shifts in developments. The rally was led by large caps, supported by relatively attractive valuations versus long-term averages," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Ltd.

On the sectoral front, most indices traded in positive territory with major gains registered in the Nifty PSU and PVT banks pockets. In the broader market, Nifty Midcap gained 0.94% whereas the Nifty Small Cap advanced 1.37%.

HEADING NORTH

1. Sensex surges 1073.61 pts or 1.42% to 76,488.96
2. Nifty rises 312.40 points or 1.32% to 24,031.70
3. Most sectoral indices trade in positive territory

Tata Sons chief to present turnaround plan

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

AFTER the near-breakdown in communication between Tata Trusts and Tata Sons following the February 24 board meeting — convened to recommend a third term for chairman N Chandrasekaran but which failed to do so — a crucial board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, where the Tata Sons chief is likely to present a turnaround strategy for the group's heavily loss-making companies.

As per two sources aware of the developments, Tuesday's board meeting will not take up the issue of Chandrasekaran's reappointment, which, they said, will have to wait until boards of the main trusts meet next month. Tata Sons' board is scheduled to meet in second week of June.

Both the key trusts — the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Sir Ratan Tata Trust — which together hold 52% of 66.4% stake owned collectively by the 13 Tata trusts in Tata Sons, failed to hold their scheduled meetings twice earlier this month. The first disruption came after a person moved the Bombay High Court seeking stay on the Sir Ratan Tata Trust's May 8 meeting, forcing it to defer the meeting to May 16. Subsequently, an advocate approached the Charity Commissioner seeking a stay on the same meeting, prompting the commissioner to halt the meeting until an enquiry into alleged violations of rules is completed.

The sources said the trusts, barring the Sir Ratan Tata Trust, are likely to meet on June 8, which may clear the appointment of a third nominee director on the Tata Sons board. Currently, Noel Tata and Venu Srinivasan are on the board, but Venu's continuation appears uncertain.

"Tomorrow's board meeting will likely see Chandra presenting a turnaround strategy for the major loss-making businesses — Air India, which has reported a ₹26,000 crore, or $2.8 billion loss in FY26 (up from ₹10,859 cr in FY25), and other new-age ventures like Tata Digital," the sources told TNIE.

"Chandra may also assure Tata Trusts chairman Noel Tata that he will explore ways to keep Tata Sons a private entity, in consultation with the RBI and legal experts, though the issue is now largely in the hands of regulators," they added.

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New IIP series to track output of rare earth minerals, gas and water supply

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE revamped Index of Industrial Production (IIP) series, to be released on June 1, will track expanded sectors such as minor minerals, rare earth minerals, gas supply, water supply, sewerage and waste management. The new series will use 2022-23 as the base year.

IIP tracks in industrial output on a monthly basis. The revised series will feature a new product basket comprising 1,042 products mapped to 463 item groups, replacing outdated commodities and assigning revised weights to better reflect the current industrial structure. The new IIP will align with the National Industrial Classification (NIC)-2025 framework.

MoSPI said the updated series introduces greater granularity through additional sub-indices.

For instance, the electricity sector will separately track renewable and non-renewable power generation. Similarly, the mining and quarrying segment will split into fuel minerals, metallic minerals (including rare earths), and non-metallic minerals (including minor minerals).

A committee has also proposed methodological reforms in the compilation process. These include replacing permanently closed factories or units that have substantially altered production lines with comparable operational factories. The panel of factories used for the index will also be dynamically updated by adding newly commissioned large-scale manufacturing units during the life of the series.

Another major shift is the adoption of the geometric mean method for linking the existing 2011-12 series with the new 2022-23 base series.

The first official release of the new IIP series on June 1 will provide index values from April 2023 onwards along with quick estimates for April 2026.

QUARTERLY RESULT

REPCO HOME FINANCE REPORTS NET PROFIT OF ₹129 CRORE FOR Q4

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

REPCO Home Finance has reported a net profit of ₹129 crore in the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025-26 (Q4FY26) as compared to ₹125 crore in Q4FY25.

Net interest income stood at ₹207 crore in Q4FY26 as compared to 178 crore in Q4FY25, resulting in a healthy growth of 16%. Total income stood at ₹454 crore in Q4FY26 as compared to ₹425, registering a growth of 7%.

Its net profit stood at ₹453 crore in FY26 as compared to ₹449 crore in FY25. Net interest income was at ₹812 crore in FY26 as compared to 746 crore in FY25, resulting in a healthy growth of 9%. Return on assets stood at 3.0%, resulting in a return on equity of 13.0% in FY26 as compared to 3.2% and 14.7%, respectively in FY25. Loans sanctions stood at ₹4,519 crore in FY26 as compared to ₹3,519 crore in FY25, registering a growth of 28%.

GCCs shift focus from hiring to AI-led biz outcomes

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S AI-first global capability centres (GCCs) are shifting focus from headcount growth to AI governance, operating models and business outcomes, driving fresh demand for consulting, transformation and workflow redesign expertise, Geetanjali Khatri, EVP and Managing Director at Capgemini Invent India, told TNIE.

Khatri said GCCs are moving away from traditional role as offshore delivery centres built around labour arbitrage and are becoming enterprise hubs for AI-led transformation.

"I don't see that anymore, there is a focus on scale or headcount as a matrix," Khatri said. "The metric is more for GCCs to be driven by business outcomes." She said companies are prioritising speed, quality, agility and accuracy of delivery as AI adoption spreads across enterprise functions. This has led firms to redesign workflows and operating models instead of treating AI as a standalone technology initiative.

"The AI strategy has to come from the top. The enterprise has to change, and GCC is not separate from enterprise," she said. Khatri said enterprises are building AI-led operating models that combine digital agents with human oversight. She said "human-AI collaboration" will continue to handle contextual judgment, ethics and governance while AI systems manage repetitive processes and workflows. "So agents can do planning, they can act, they can reason, they can learn the enterprise workflow, but you still need the human interface for augmenting, for judgmental, for ethics, for being contextual," she said.

Sundaram Finance reports ₹554 cr profit, sees growth potential in EV SCV segment

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

NON-banking finance company Sundaram Finance, part of the TSF Group under TVS Group, reported a flat consolidated net profit of ₹554.17 crore for Q4 FY26 as against ₹553 crore in the corresponding quarter of FY25. Full-year profit, however, rose to ₹2,059 crore in FY26 from ₹1,813 crore in FY25.

The Chennai-based NBFC's net interest income (NII) grew 21% to ₹3,376 crore in FY26 from ₹2,793 crore in FY25. In the fourth quarter, NII rose 20% to ₹901 crore.

Assets under management (AUM) grew 16% YoY to ₹59,908 crore in FY26. Disbursements during the year rose 14% to ₹32,321 crore from ₹28,405 crore in FY25. In the fourth quarter, disbursements grew 17%. Rajiv Lochan, MD & CEO of Sundaram Finance, said: "The rise in NII is partly aided by the external environment in terms of pricing. Our finance and treasury team ensured that our borrowing costs remained best-in-class even in tougher times."

He added that lending for used vehicles has grown significantly, helping the company garner a 25% market share in the segment. Lending in the tractor segment has also seen good traction, while MSME loan disbursals backed by property, machinery and equipment continue to present strong business opportunities.

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl. No	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Revamping of Civil Infrastructure at DOS/ISRO Housing Colony at Domlur, Indira Nagar New Land and Old Land, CISF Quarters and Barracks Thippasandra, Bengaluru (Phase - III)
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/C/04/2026-27, Dt.22/05/2026
3	Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 437.23 Lakhs
4	Period of completion	Twelve Months
5	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 8,74,460/- valid for 180 days**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.EEE/PD/CKML/AEE(P)/JE(P)/2026-27/289-293 Date: 21.05.2026.

NOTIFICATION

KPTCL have formulated a scheme under section 67 of the Electricity supply Act 2003 and the same is herewith published in pursuance of section 67(2)(c) of the said act for information to the public. Particulars of the scheme is as follows.

Project: 01. Name of the work: Establishing 2x20 MVA, 66/11KV sub-station at Kadri-Midri village along with Construction of 66 kV, 1000Sqmm UG Cable DOUBLE LILO from existing 66KV Mugulavalli-Balehonnuru DC line to proposed 66/11KV Kadri-Midri sub-station for a distance of 1.30Kms and construction of 66KV DC line on 110KV DC towers in existing 66KV Muguluvalli - Balehonnur line for a distance of 0.517 kms and laying of OPGW cable from Muguluvalli sub-station to Aldur sub-station in Chikkamagaluru Taluk & District. **Approximate Line Length: 1.30Kms. Proposed 66KV Line passing through the following areas:-** Chikkamagaluru District, Chikkamagaluru Taluk, Amble Hobli, Kadrimidri Village, Survey No's. 72,73,74,118,104,103. **Approximate project cost: 6512.48 Lakhs.**

Project 02: Name of the work: Establishing 2x20 MVA, 110/11kv sub-station at Jiganehalli and construction of 110kV LILO line on DC towers using Lynx conductor from existing 110kV Kadur-Nagenahalli SC line to the proposed 110/11KV sub-station at Jiganehalli for a distance of 0.205kms in Kadur Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District. **Approximate Line Length: 0.205 Kms. Proposed 110KV Line passing through the following areas:-** Chikkamagaluru District, Kadur Taluk, Kadur Hobli, **Jiganehalli Village Survey No's.10, 11. Approximate project cost: 2196.52 Lakhs.**

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers which the telegraph authorities possess under part III of the Indian Telegraphs Act 1885(13 of 1885) for implementation of the above said scheme. Any objections or discrepancies regarding the above schemes shall be sent to the office of Executive Engineer (Ele.), Chikkamagaluru Project Division, Ground Floor, KPTCL Complex, Chikkamagaluru-577101 **within 30 days** from the date of publication of this notification for KPTCL's pursuance.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer (Ele),
Chikkamagaluru Projects Division,
KPTCL, Chikkamagaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is issued on behalf of My client **Smt.Nirmala R W/o Srinivas L** to bring the notice of the general public that the 5th Page of the Original registered rectification Deed dated 22/07/2004 bearing doc No.SRI-1-01918-2004-05, Book-I, stored in CD No.SRID19 and registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Srirampuram, Bangalore executed by Sri.S Ramu S/o Siddappa in favour of Smt.R Nirmala is missing /lost/misplaced in respect of schedule property. If any, person / firm / institution / company having any claim or holding the afore mentioned document or schedule property, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **Seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing **Municipal No.15,** situated at 2nd Main Road, Marenahalli, BBMP Ward No.35, Bangalore-560040, measuring East to West:37.6 feet and North to South: 25.5 feet and bounded on: East by: My Remaining Property, West by: Road, North by: Remaining portion of Same Municipal No.15 Gifted to R Kanthamani, South by: Other property.

S S LAW CHAMBER
SURESH CHARMAGOL
NO.112, 7TH Cross, Akshyanagar
Main Road, Attur Layout, Yelahanka
New Town, Bengaluru-560064.
Mob: 9036462764.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client's have agreed to purchase Residential Property bearing Residential Immovable Property bearing **BBMP Municipal New No.90/03, E-Asthi/PID No.5102583437,** situated at 1st Main Road, Kempegowda Nagar, **Bengaluru-560 004,** having **PID No.49-7-90/3,** Coming under BBMP New Ward No.142 of Sunkenahalli Range, (BBMP old Ward No.49), Consists of Land measuring East to West **40 feet** and North to South **23.7 feet,** totaling **947 Square feet (88 square meters),** as described below in the schedule from **Sri. RAMACHANDRA .C,** S/o. Late. B. R. Chikaana, Any person/s who has got any valid claim, title, demand or interest over the said property or any objections to the purchase of the said property by my clients, may file his/her objections in writing, along with attested copies of the supporting documents, with the undersigned within **(7) Seven Days** from this day. Failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s has got any claim, demand, share, interest or title in the said property, by way of previous sale or agreement to sell or otherwise or objections to the purchase of the said property by my clients and my clients will complete the sale, as if, there is no such claim/s.

SCHEDULE-PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Residential Immovable Property bearing **BBMP Municipal New No.90/03, E-Asthi/PID No.5102583437,** situated at 1st Main Road, Kempegowda Nagar, **Bengaluru-560 004,** having **PID No.49-7-90/3,** Coming under BBMP New Ward No.142 of Sunkenahalli Range, (BBMP old Ward No.49), Consists of Land measuring East to West **40 feet** and North to South **23.7 feet,** totaling **947 Square feet (88 square meters),** and having RCC building thereon consists of Ground Floor and First Floor and Second Floor in all total measuring 700 Square Feet with RCC roofing and Mosaic flooring with Jungle wood doors and windows, with civic amenities like water, sewerage and electricity, along with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever underneath or above surface and bounded on

East by : Common Passage measuring East to West 6 feet, West by : Portion of Property Sold to some other person, North by : D Schedule property belongs to Ramaswamappa and South by : **SAMIRAPURA MAIN ROAD.**

DHIRAJ KUMAR JAIN, ADVOCATE
D-5 & 6, 4th Floor, Sakalajee Market,
Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560 002.
Mobile No. 9916971407
Mobile No. 8150000148
Date : 26-05-2026 Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my Client **Mr. H.A. IQBAL HUSSAIN,** S/O.Late H.A.Abdul Basheer, Hukunda Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Hukundha, Kanakapura, RAMANAGAR. Has lost the original SALE DEED dated 22.09.2003 registered vide Document No:3180-2003-04, Book-1 Volume 3294 stored in the Pages of 70 to 73 Registered at the office of the S.R.O. Kanakapura pertaining to the below mentioned **SCHEDULE PROPERTY.** The said document is not in the possession of my client and the same has been intimated to the Jurisdictional Police. Whoever is in possession of the same hereby requested to hand over it to the below mentioned address **within 07 days.** If anyone deals with such persons on the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY,** shall be doing so at his/her own risk and consequences and the same shall not be binding on my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Sy No.209 now having its **PID No:152900203200400021,** and property **code 99/209** with E katha in form B rule 30[7]situated at Arekere village Panhayath, Rampuradoddi village, Kankapura in all measuring 8093.71 Sq mtrs/TWO ACRES. And bounded on:

East by : Sy.No.210
West by : Kankapura Kodihalli Main Road
North by : Sy.No:147 and 148
South by : Lake

SRI. B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No.334, 09th Main, 14th Cross,
Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Mob:98450 22593

IN THE COURT OF XV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU
P & SC No. 209 of 2026 (CCH-3)

Between:
Mr. S. Raviee, S/o Late Mr. R. Srinivasan, Aged about 61 years, Reside at No. 506, 2nd Block, Skyline City Apartment, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore North, Karnataka 560072 **...Petitioner**
And: -NIL- ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above-named Petitioner has filed the above petition under Sections 370 and 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, before the Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge at Bengaluru, praying for grant of Succession Certificate in favor of the Petitioner in respect of the Schedule Movable Properties mentioned below.

The Schedule Movable Properties belonged to Late Smt. R. Vasan alias Rajalakshmi Vasan, mother of the Petitioner, who passed away on 24.10.2014 at Bengaluru. Any person having objections to the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner is hereby required to appear before this Court either in person or through counsel on **11/06/2026 at 11:00 AM** and file their objections, if any. Failing which, the petition shall be heard and determined ex-prate.

SCHEDULE MOVABLE PROPERTIES

Description of Movable Properties	Account Holder	Folio No.
260 Equity Share of Eicher Motor Limited	Smt.Late R. Vasan	87475.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 25.05.2026. **By Order of the Court**
Sd/- **Senior Sheristedar**
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Address for Service:
Adv. Varsha Hittinhalli
No. 48/2, 2nd Floor, KC Das Building,
Church Street, St. Marks Road,
Bengaluru-560001

Canara Bank

A Government of India Undertaking

ARM Branch– II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310181 – e-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17.06.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale],** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **16.06.2026.**

(₹. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Reserve Price, EMD & Type of possession
1.	**(1) M/s. Cerebra Integrated Technologies Limited.,** At it's registered address, S-5, Off 3rd Cross, Peenya Industrial Area, Peenya Ist Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560058 **(2) M/s Cerebra Integrated Technology Pvt ltd.,** Plot Nos: 41 to 46, KIADB Industrial Area, Narasapura, Appasandra Village,Narasapura Hobli, Kolar District -563133 **(3) Vishwamurthy Phalanetra (Director)** 22A, Vanasuma, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore -560079, (Director and Personal Guarantor) **(4) Ranganathan Venkatraman (Managing Director)** 90, 3rd cross, west of Chord Road, Sri Venkateshwarakripa Layout, Bangalore -560079 (Director and Personal Guarantor) Late.Shridhar Shankar Hegde, Through his legal Heirs Namely **(5) Mrs. Madhu Hegde** W/o Late Shridhar Shankar Hegde R/At No.156-4,36th Cross, 2nd Block, Rajaji Nagar, 3rd Block, Bangalore-560010. **(6) Mr. Ajeet Hegde** S/o Late Shridhar Shankar Hegde R/At No.156-4,36th Cross, 2nd Block, Rajaji Nagar, 3rd Block, Bangalore-560010. **(7) Mr. Ajay Hegde S/**o Late Shridhar Shankar Hegde R/At No.156-4,36th Cross, 2nd Block Rajaji Nagar,3rd Block, Bangalore-560010.	**Rs. 27,23,89,486.12 (Rupees Twenty Seven Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six and Twelve Paisa) plus further interest thereon from 03.05.2026 and other expenses**	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Industrial Plot No. S-5, municipal khatha New No.S-5, PID No.11-149-S-5,off 3rd cross, Netaji Nagar, KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Peenya 1st stage in Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560058. Property in the name of M/s Cerebra Integrated Technologies Ltd. Total measuring 503.75 Sq. mtr and Bounded on the:- East By: plot no S-4, West By: Service Road, North By : Shed no. SB-163 and 164, South By: Conservancy and HT power Line.	**Reserve Price Rs.5.07 Crores EMD Rs.0.51 Crores Symbolic**
			Lease hold rights of property INDUSTRIAL Plot Nos. 41 to 46,Road No. 1 & 4, Narasapura KIADB Industrial area , Appasandra Village, Narasapura hobli, Kolar district-563133 in the name of M/s Cerebra Integrated Technologies Ltd. Total extent of Site 12.00 Acres or there abouts * Bounded on the:- East by: KIADB buffer, West By: Road No 1, North by: Road No 4, South by: Plot No 46	**Reserve Price Rs.50.11 Crores EMD Rs.5.01 Crores Symbolic**

*** The property is under lease hold, lease of the same expired. All the expenses for registration of sale certificate as per the terms of lease agreement shall be borne by the purchaser.**

Note: As per lease deed, lessor may permit transfer of lease hold rights in favour of auction purchaser recommended by the bank on payment of an amount equivalent to the difference between the prevailing allotment price and the amount already paid by the lessee, to the lessor towards the cost of land through the financial institution. The auction purchaser shall be liable to pay the amount mentioned above for the lessor board to consider such transfer of lease hold rights.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer. **(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **16.06.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. **(i)** Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. **(ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. **(iii)** Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com (f) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. **(f)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **(g)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (h)** For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs)** and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. **(i)** All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(l)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area, dues, suits and cases etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(m)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact Authorized Officer, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 7561062889, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9464534482, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance(BAANKNET) e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 22.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

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तिरुवनंतपुरम / THIRUVANANTHAPURAM – 22 / (फोन नं. / Ph. No. 0471 – 2564568 / 4545)

दिनांक/Dated : 25-05-2026

ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। On behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through E-tendering for the following works.

1. टर्ल्स, वीएसएससी की उन्नत डीटोनिक्स अनुसंधान प्रयोगशाला में क्षैतिज विस्तार के लिए विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works for horizontal extension of Advanced Detonics Research Laboratory at TERLS, VSSC / **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/01/2026-2027 Dt. 25.05.2026 (पी.ए.सी./P.A.C: ₹ 48.10 लाख/Lakhs)**
2. आरएफएफ, वीएसएससी की उन्नत रासायनिक प्रणालियों के लिए प्रक्रम इंजीनियरी एवं विकास सुविधा में विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works in Process Engineering and Development Facility for Advanced Chemical Systems at RFF, VSSC / **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/02/2026-2027 Dt. 25.05.2026 (पी.ए.सी./P.A.C: ₹ 52.86 लाख/Lakhs)**
3. वीआरसी, वीएसएससी की उन्नत वीडियो बिंबन प्रयोगशाला के लिए भवन सं. वी-44 के ऊर्ध्वाधर विस्तार के सिलसिले में विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works in connection with vertical extension of bldg. No. V-44 For Advanced Video Imaging Lab at VRC, VSSC / **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/03/2026-2027 Dt. 25.05.2026 (पी.ए.सी./P.A.C: ₹ 30.70 लाख/Lakhs)**

डाउनलोड करने की अवधि/Period for downloading: दिनांक 26.05.2026 को 10.00 बजे/hrs. से/to दिनांक 08.06.2026, 23.00 बजे/hrs.

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Sd/- प्रधान, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी /
Head, CMG, VSSC

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 16.06.2026 (10.00 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs.28,29,31,518.62 (Rupees Twenty Eight Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty One Thousands Five Hundred and Eighteen and Paisa Sixty Two Only) as on 20.05.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s. Biopoint India Private Limited,** # 502, 12th Main, M S R Enclave, Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073. **(2) Mr. Aniketan U P,** Managing Director, #502, 12th Main, M S R Enclave, Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073. **(3) Smt. Amulya N S,** Director, # 502, 12th Main, M S R Enclave, Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073. **(4) Smt.R Manjula,** # 502, 12th Main, M S R Enclave, Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073. **(5) Smt. Ananya U P,** No. S3, 2nd Floor, Deccan Terrace, 8th Main, Malleswaram, Bengaluru 560003. **(6) Mr. B R Siddesh,** No. 3163, 10th Main Road, 3rd Cross, MCC Block, Southern Division, Devanagere-577004. **(7) Mr. K N Umesh,** # 502, 12th Main, M S R Enclave, Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **15.06.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	All that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy No. 26/8 measuring 2 acres 35 guntas located at Metikurke village, Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga District, Standing in the name of M/s Bio Point India Pvt. Ltd., and bounded by: East : LA NO. 31, West: Land of B Thippamma, North: LA No 276 land, South: LA – HI 2 land.	**₹. 3080.00**	**₹. 308.00**	**₹. 10.00**
2	Hypothecated Plant & Machinery, Furniture & Fixtures and DG set			

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-25310066 and 9483544116 during office hours on any working day.

Date :21.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Kempegowda Road,
Bengaluru-560009

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Website : www.karnatakabank.bank.in
CIN : L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE **(For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notices, details of which are mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/co-obligants mentioned therein to repay the total amount mentioned in the demand notice along with future interest within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants:- (1) Mr. Kamadod Nomaraj Sanjeev S/o Mr.Kamadod N R **(2) Mrs. Ayesha S K** W/o Mr. Kamdod Nomaraj Sanjeev, **Both (1) & (2) are residing at :** No.1187,9th Cross, 80 Feet Road, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Minerva Circle **Date of Demand Notice: 27.10.2025**

Amount Demanded: Rs.29,16,078.54 [Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Sixteen Thousand and Seventy Eight and Paise Fifty Four Only] Under TL A/c No. 0627001650564101 along with future interest from 01.10.2025 Plus Costs.

Date of taking Possession: 25.05.2026

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.31,00,484.54 [Rupees Thirty One Lakh Four Hundred Eighty Four and Paise Fifty Four Only] Under TL A/c No. 0627001650564101 along with future interest from 01.05.2026 Plus Costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of residential Property bearing Site No.113, carved out of Sy.nos.43 & 44/1, Property No. 43/44/1/113, Measuring 1200 Sq ft, together with building constructed thereon, situated at BBMP, Jnanabharathi Ward No. 129, Srigandhadakavalu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560091 belonging to Mr. Kamadod Nomaraj Sanjeev. **Boundaries of Property as per Document: East by** : Property bearing No 114, 4 Floor Residential Building, **West by**: Property bearing No.112, 4 Floor Commercial Building, **South by :** Road, **North by** : Road.

2. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants:–(1) Mrs.Padma H W/o Mr.Venkatappa T. **(2) Mr.Venkatappa T** S/o Mr.Thippanna **Both (1) and (2) are Addressed at :** No.10, 3rd Main, 2nd Cross, Kalayannagar, Moodalapalya, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072.

Branch Name: Bengaluru–Amarjyothinagar **Date of Demand Notice: 05.03.2026**

Amount Demanded: Rs.5,63,569.62 [Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and Paise Sixty Two Only] Under TL A/c No. 1247001600040301 along with future interest from 16.02.2026 Plus Costs.

Date of taking Possession: 25.05.2026

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.5,37,642.62 [Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two and Paise Sixty Two Only] Under TL A/c No. 1247001600040301 along with future interest from 16.05.2026 Plus Costs .

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of Residential Property bearing New Municipal No.10 (Old Site No.39), measuring 920.00 Sq.Ft, New Assesement No.67, New BBMP No.10, Khata No.67, PID No. 38-94-10 Nagarbhavi Dhakale, together with building constructed thereon situated at 3rd Main, 2nd Cross, Ward No .38, Kalyannagar, Moodalapalya, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore North belonging to Mrs. Padma H, **Boundaries of Property as per Document: East by :** Road (3rd Main Road), **West by** : Site No.40 (Building), **South by** : Road (2nd Main Road), **North by** : Site No.28 (Building).

3. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants:– (1) Mr.Rajesh N S/o Mr.Nagarajaiah, **(2) Mr.Prashanth N** S/o Mr.Nagarajaiah, **Both (1) and (2) are Addressed at :** No.12, V P Khata No. 155/4B, Kothnur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560062.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – City Civil Court **Date of Demand Notice: 17.02.2026**

Amount Demanded: Rs.8,77,722.78 [Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Seventy Eight Only] Under PSTL A/c No. 1177001800018201 along with future interest from 05.02.2026 Plus Costs .

Date of taking Possession: 25.05.2026

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.9,09,985.78 [Rupees Nine Lakh Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five and Paise Seventy Eight Only] Under PSTL A/c No. 1177001800018201 along with future interest from 05.05.2026 Plus Costs .

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of Site bearing No.12, Measuring 1200 Sq ft , V P Khata No.155/4B (Formed out of converted Survey No.155/4B) together with building constructed thereon situated at Kothanuru Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South belonging to **Mr. Rajesh N and Mr. Prashanth N. Boundaries of Property as per Document:** East by : Property bearing No 11 with Residential Building, West by : Property bearing No.13 with Residential Building, South by : Property No 3 with Residential Building, North by : Road.

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties, as described herein above, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **25.05.2026**

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,** for amounts as described herein above.

[The attention of the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 25.05.2026

Sd/- Asst. General Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to general public that my clients Purushotham Nagaraj Shivaprakash S/o. Nagaraj P.C.K and Smt. N. Sindu W/o. Venkatesh Dayananda, both are R/at. No.32/1, 1st A-Main Road, 3rd Phase, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, are intending to purchase the vacant site No. 3, formed in Sy.No.6, which is described in detail in the schedule situated at Subramanyapura Village (Marasandra), Kanaka Layout, 3rd Stage, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560061, from M.C. Renukesh R/at. No.8, 1st Main Road, Binny Layout, Attiguppe, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560040. If any person or persons, banks, Society, Firms, Company or any body having any right, title, interest, claim, objections whatsoever in respect of the above said property may lodge their objections, claims in writing with the under signed along with supporting documents, evidence for such claim within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If any objections or whatsoever issued or replied beyond 10 days shall not be considered and our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims and to complete the sale transaction by execution of sale deed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.3, situated at Subramanyapura Village (Marasandra) out of Sy.No.6, formed in Kanaka Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha, 3rd Stage, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 40 feet or 12.19 mtrs, North to South 60 feet or 18.28 mtrs, in all measuring 2400 sq.ft or 222.83 sq.mtrs, and bounded on:- **East by :** Site No.2, **West by :** Site No.4, **North by :** Park, **South by :** Road.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our clients have entered into an Agreement to Sell dated 29/04/2026, for purchase of the below mentioned **Schedule Property** from its present Owner **Sri. S.MOHAN,** Son of Sri. Subbe Gowda, No.KL-840, Krishna Nivas, 17th Cross, V.V.Nagar, Mandya – 571 401, who makes averments that he purchased by from his previous vendor in terms under the Sale Deed dated 30/06/2021, registered in document No.BSK-1-01933/2021-22, stored in C.D.No.BSKD1075, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Banashankari, Bengaluru by availing purchase loan from Bank of Baroda and in view of the same being cleared, the Schedule Property free from encumbrances and lien. That apart, other than the present owner, there are no other person/s, members of family and/or any financial institutions or etc., claiming any rights/lien and this notice is given to those concerned, that should they have any pre-existing rights, objections or claim of any nature over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, they are requested to lodge their written objections/claims with necessary documentary proof to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication. If no objections or claims along with proof are forthcoming within the said period, our clients shall construe that the Schedule Property is free from encumbrances, claims or hold and any subsequent objection/claims raised thereafter, shall not be considered and same shall not be held responsible by our clients and shall go ahead with completing the purchase formalities of the Schedule Property from the present owner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Residential property bearing **No.254,** bearing Municipal **No.254/254,** in Layout formed by The Jayanagara Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., carved out of Sy.No.52/2, situated at Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently known as 3rd Cross, Jayanagar Housing Society Layout, Gubbalala, Bengaluru, having Bengaluru South City Corporation **PID/e-Asthi No.7430089456,** within the jurisdiction of Ward No.184-UTTARAHALLI, Bengaluru. The Site/Land measuring **East-to-West: 30 Feet** and **North-to-South: 40 Feet,** in all measuring about **1,200 Square Feet (or 111.48 Square Meters,** together with building standing thereon and the property is bounded by:

East : Property bearing No.255;
West : Property bearing No.253;
North : Properties bearing Nos. 272 & 273; and
South : Road.

S.R. BALASUBRAMANYAM,
S. KEERTHIKAR, Advocates
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Dated: 26/05/2026

IN THE COURT OF THE 35th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
Original Suit No. 6802 of 2019 (CCH-36)

BETWEEN: 1. Sri. M.P. Ravindra Kumar, S/o late Mayigaiah, Aged about 48 years, Residing at: #919, 1st cross, Opposite to Corporation Bank, Ideal Homes, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 098

2. Smt. Saroja, W/o Sri. Ravindra Kumar, Aged about 37 years, Residing at: #919, 1st cross, Opposite to Corporation Bank, Ideal Homes, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 098 **........PLAINTIFF**

AND: 1.Smt. Bhagyalakshmi, W/o Sri K.S.Prakash, Aged about 41 years, Residing at Municipal No. 100, Pipeline Road, Mahalakshmipuram Post, J.C. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 086

2. Ms. P.B.Chandana, Aged about 18 years, Residing at No.100, Pipeline Road, Mahalakshmipuram Post, J.C.Nagar, Bengaluru-560086

3. Sri. Dorai K S/o Late Kolandivelu, Aged about 66 years, R/at No. 145, 16th Main, 2nd Cross, J.C.Nagar, Mahalakshmipura Post, Bengaluru-560086 **.....DEFENDANT**

Draft Paper publication and summons to Defendant under Order V Rule 20 of CPC

Proposed Defendant No. 4
Sri. Lingaraju B.R S/o Sri Ramalingaiah Aged about 54 years, R.At No. 263, 10th Cross, Telecom Layout, Kempapura Agrahara, Bengaluru-560023

WHEREAS, the plaintiff has filed the above suit for the following reliefs:

I. Declaration that the Deed of Cancellation dated.02.07.2014 registered as Document No.SRI-1-02020-2014-15, stored at the Book No.I, CD No.SRID 167, registered on -03.07.2014 in the office of the sub registrar, Srirampuram as void and not binding on the Plaintiff;

ii. Directing the Defendant to hand over vacant possession of the suit schedule property in favor of the Plaintiffs;

iii. Declare that the Plaintiff No. 1 is the absolute owner of he suit schedule property;

iv. Perpetual injunction against the Defendant, her henchmen, agents, assigns and all persons claiming through and under her from interfering with the peaceful possession of the Plaintiff in the suit schedule property;

v. Costs of the suit;

vi. Such other relief as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit to grant in the interest of justice.

vii. Cancelling the Deed of Cancellation dt. 02.07.2014, registered as Document No. SRI-1-02020-2014-2015, Book No. 1, CD No. SRID 167, registered on 3.7.2014, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Sriramapuram, Bengaluru.

WHEREAS, the above suit is posted on **12-06-2026 at 11.00 A.M** for the appearance of the Proposed Defendant No.4 ie. Sri. Lingaraju B.R S/o Sri Ramalingaiah. Take notice that you are hereby summoned to appear in the above suit either by yourself or through agents or counsels to defend the above suit, failing which the above suit will be disposed of in your absence by placing you exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Old Assessment No. 181, New Assessment No. 187/1, Khatha No.988, site No.6, Situated at BBMP, Old Ward No. 13, New ward No. 75, pipeline Road, Mahalakshmipuram, J.C. Nagar, PID 13-79-100, Municipal No. 100, Bangalore and bounded on the

East : Private property,
West : Road,
North : Property,
South : pipeline Main road,

Measuring from:
East to West towards the Northern side: 16 feet,
East to West towards the Southern side: 19 feet,
North to South towards the Eastern side: 27 feet,
North to South towards the Western side 37 feet, Totally measuring 560 sq.feet.

Given under my hand, seal of the court, on this 16-04-2026

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for the Plaintiff. **Dt: 28.03.2026**
Bangalore

F1: Antonelli secures fourth straight GP win

Italian teenager Kimi Antonelli continued his spectacular early-season romp on Sunday when he claimed his fourth straight win for Mercedes to extend his lead in the drivers world championship to 43 points in a thrilling Canadian Grand Prix. The 19-year-old Italian came home 10.768 seconds clear of Ferrari's seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton.

TOPS becomes bigger with more responsibility and streamlining

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN a big development in Sports Authority of India, weeks ahead of the Commonwealth and Asian Games, Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) has become the single nodal point for almost all sports disciplines in which India participates at the Olympics and beyond.

The TOPS, headed by Chief Executive Officer NS Johal, will be looking after 27 sports. The TOPS division was formed in 2014 as sports ministry's flagship programme to support India's top athletes to win medals at the Olympics with about six high priority sports (archery, badminton, boxing, hockey, shooting and wrestling).

According to an office order issued by sports secretary Hari Ranjan Rao, who is also the SAI Director General last week, the TOPS will now oversee all activities of the 27 sports and is aimed at streamlining all operational requirements. The letter also said that they are realigning responsibilities of SAI divisions. Target Asian Games Gold (TAGG) will now be redistributed between TOPS and TEAMS (Training of Elite Athletes and Management Support) division. In short, TOPS has gotten bigger with more responsibility.

The sports under TOPS are aquatics, archery, athletics, badminton, boxing, canoeing, cycling, equestrian, fencing, golf, gymnastics, hockey, judo, modern pentathlon, rowing, sailing, shootlng, skateboarding, sport climbing, squash, surfing, triathlon, weightlifting, and wrestling. This apparently would take care of all sportspersons in individual disciplines and one team sport hockey and cater to their needs.

With this, TOPS now could be the umbrella division of SAI that would cater to all Olympic disciplines (priority and non-priority). Apart from monitoring and funding, the TOPS have been given the mandate to interact with all the respective National Sports Federations (NSFs), associations and stakeholders in assigned sports. It will be the primary interface. Apart from funding and monitoring, TOPS also approves customized programmes for individual athletes.

According to the order, TOPS will also address governance issues whenever referred by the Ministry; development proposals and budgeting matters of NSFs for the allocated disciplines. It will also assist the ministry in the implementation of various schemes related to ANSF (assistance to NSF) and NSDF (National Sports Development Fund). TOPS will also coordinate for participation in Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games (CWG), Youth Olympics, Asian Youth Games, Asian Beach Games, etc. The TEAMS division will look after Para, Winter, and Non-Olympic disciplines and those sports not part of TOPS. It is understood that the TEAMS division also is being looked at by the TOPS CEO.

PAPER NOTES, AN EXPRESSION OF JOY

Evolution of society & ecosystem has made athletes more expressive

GOMESH S @ Chennai

OVER the last two months, some of the IPL cricketers like Akash Singh, Urvil Patel and Raghu Sharma have grabbed the attention for their stellar cricketing shows in the IPL and celebrating with a piece of paper they had carried onto the field. It even spilled over to the Federation Cup in Ranchi where Gurindervir Singh (sprinter) and Vishal TK (400m) had their respective messages written on the paper to share it with the world after their triumphant run.

Elite athletes carrying a note or a piece of paper onto the field is not new. However, multiple such moments in a single tournament have not happened before. It has even led to an interesting discussion on the subject, how are such moments perceived, whether it is getting repetitive and why the current generation of athletes are perhaps doing it. Sports psychologist Priyanka Prabhakar sees it primarily as an expression of joy from the athletes. "If you see technologically, commercially, and even culturally in the sport culture, there has been so much change. This has got to do more with the fact that athletes today are more expressive and self-aware to a large extent. Athletes are more open these days. The way they express themselves, their emotions has changed," she tells this daily.

The notes, understandably, have meant different things to different athletes. Raghu's was about gratitude. Akash's notes were about reaffirmation while Urvil's was a moment of dedication to his father. Prabhakar feels that they are speaking about certain psychological strategies in some way or the other. Something that serves them as a personal anchor. "In the notes that they are carrying basically there are personal goals, reminders, affirmations, etc. They are mainly speaking about the techniques that they mainly use, be it goal-setting, imagery, visualisation, which have been used by athletes for many decades, honestly. And these techniques mainly have helped athletes stay more focused during the moments of stress and pressure, etc. When you are competing with something higher, or other than yourself sometimes and maybe you are dedicating it to a family member or to a team or for the fans, the emotional strength and motivation is also coming from there. Because these are very important, especially for athletes under high performance situations, under pressure situations. These could be grounding rituals, personal anchors which athletes want to rely on in moments of high pressure, etc," she explains.

This phenomenon of expressing emotions also seems to be in line with the evolution of the society and the Indian family systems in the last two decades or so. "Traditionally, athletes were expected to remain humble and 'let the bat do the talking'. There was also a deeply rooted belief that showing too much emotion or happiness could invite criticism or even failure. Today, however, athletes are more comfortable being vulnerable about both their struggles and their successes. If we look at it systemically, parenting styles, school culture and sporting culture have evolved significantly. Younger athletes are increasingly encouraged to have their own voice, express individuality and be authentic about what makes them comfortable or uncomfortable. That naturally influences how they celebrate and communicate emotions."

The celebrations have also come under criticism from legends, on social media and in commentary box, asking to do away with it. Prabhakar, while understanding where the older generation comes from, feels there has to be a balance. "Historically, there was an expectation that athletes first had to prove themselves consistently before they earned the right to celebrate openly. Acceptance was often conditional on sustained performance. In earlier sporting cultures, emotional restraint was associated with discipline and professionalism. Today's athletes are growing up in environments that value authenticity, emotional expression and individuality. Celebrating success or expressing emotion does not take away from competitiveness or professionalism. In fact, for many, these gestures are deeply personal and meaningful rather than performative."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Delight for long-distance runner Shivaji

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Ranchi

IN his quest to achieve his Asian Games dream, Shivaji Parashuram M had expended every ounce of his energy during the men's 10,000m final just a few days ago. So much so that he had fainted on the finish line. However, all that had gone in vain as he was disqualified for violating lane norms in National Senior Athletics Federation competition at the Birsa Munda Football Stadium here. That had taken a toll on him mentally and his confidence had taken a massive nosedive. However, Shivaji put that setback aside to pull off a notable victory in the men's 5000m final on Monday.

The 22-year-old from Karnataka stopped the clock at 14:14.13 seconds to emerge victorious. While that timing was not enough to breach the Commonwealth Games mark (13:19.64s), it fell under the qualification mark for the Asian U23 athletics championship in China. Given what he had been through not so long ago, this was a big shot in the arm for him.

Shivaji Parashuram M celebrates on Monday | RELIANCE SPORTS FOUNDATION

"At the 10,000m final, I was trying to breach the qualification mark for the Asian Games. I was leading and doing well for most of the race. Then, I started feeling weird in the last three laps. I didn't know what was happening, I felt unconscious," he told this daily.

"I came here wanting to do well in my pet event, in a meet like the Federation competition. My body did not feel good, I was mentally shattered after getting hospitalised. But thanks to my coaches and the staff from Reliance Sports Foundation, I found my way back," he said.

His coaches — Ajith Markose from Reliance Foundation, Vishwanath Gowda from DYES, Bengaluru and Prakash Revanthkar, his first coach from Karwar — played a pivotal role in helping him find his range ahead of his latest test. "They told where I went wrong, they helped me rectify the mistakes and kept motivating me. I didn't want to call anyone back home because they were already nervous," he said.

In his latest outing, Shivaji was locked in from the word go. He took a patient approach and gradually got past his fellow competitor. Coming into the final stretch, Shivaji's smile grew wider and as he finished on top. Having had his confidence restored, Shivaji is now aiming to breach the qualification mark for the Asian Games later this year.

"I hope to qualify and do well in Japan," he said.

Long walks during schooling days to distance runner

Shivaji recalled how he had to walk to school from his home at Adakinakalla Belavatagi in Hariyala Taluk, which is bordered by a forest. "We walked around five kilometres a day to go to school growing up. But my first tryst with long-distance running came when I joined the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports' (DYES) sports hostel in Karwar with coach Prakash. There, I started with 1500 and 3000m in 2018, but the longer distances was where I felt belonged," he explained.

After spending six years with DYES across two cities — Karwar and Bengaluru — Shivaji moved to the Sports Authority of India, before joining Reliance last year.

DEFENDERS VS CHALLENGERS

Gujarat Titans take on Royal Challengers Bengaluru for a place in the final. A look...

Rabada vs Kohli at the top

Kagiso Rabada has the most number of powerplay wickets this term and will look to rattle Virat Kohli. When they played last, Kohli hit him for five fours in an over before getting out to Rabada.

RCB pacers vs GT trifecta

If Josh Hazlewood & Bhuvneshwar Kumar have been RCB's bowling strengths, for GT, it is the top-3 of Shubman Gill, B Sai Sudharsan & Jos Buttler. The fight between the pacers & the trio could be fascinating.

RCB vs GT, Dharamsala, 7.30PM

Live on Star Sports & JioHotstar

Chithravel shines with 17.08m jump, aspires to be on podium during CWG

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Ranchi

UNTIL Day four of the National Senior Athletics Federation competition at the Birsa Munda Football Stadium, triple jump national record holder Praveen Chithravel had breached the 17m-mark only once in the past year (17.37m, Fed Competition 2025).

His best attempt before Monday was in the Indian Open athletics series-6 in Chennai on May 15 where he recorded 16.95m. Ahead of the men's final, Yoandri Betanzos, two-time worlds medallist, said that his ward has been working hard to be fit for Sunday's showdown. "In the off-season, the training has been very good. I hope to see it all coming because he has to qualify to both Commonwealth Games here and the Asian Games in June's Senior Inter-state meet in Bhubaneswar. So, now he has to jump more than 17.20 metres here," he had told this daily on Saturday. "With these conditions in mind, I expect 17.6m. He has been improving by leaps and bounds in the tests I have and he is coming in with full confidence," he said before Chithravel's jump. And on Monday, Chithravel breached the 17-metre mark in his second attempt. With a strong run-up and slightly uncertain hop before the leap, he recorded a 17.08m jump, breaching the qualification mark for the CWG in Glasgow in July.

However, the bigger test remains ahead. Chithravel would hope to take a position in the podium at the CWG, (he missed out on one in 2022) and improve his performance in the Asian Games. "Physically and technical wise, he is good. It is in the psychological aspects where we are trying to work on. In last year's World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, a jump of his would have earned qualification but it was called foul. But after that, he didn't know how to manage. For example, after his second jump which was a foul, he didn't run properly. 17.04, 17.06 would have been good for him," his coach said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Samardeep shines

The men's 200m final, contrary to the high expectations, ended with no record-breaking feat with Animesh Kujur running three tenths slower (20.64 seconds) than his national record on Monday, missing the CWG qualification. In another disappointment, none of the javelin throwers managed to breach the CWG mark (82.61m). Meanwhile, shot-putter Samardeep Singh Gill breached the qualification for the CWG (20.36m), with a gold-medal winning mark of 20.46m.

How a national library became a chess venue

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Oslo

ON the third floor of the Deichman Bjorvika, Norway's National Library, four of the world's top 10 men's chess players are engaged in a furious battle of wits over the chess board. In one of the boards, Magnus Carlsen, one of the country's biggest stars, is hovering over the chess board, deep in thought. He's facing Alireza Firouzja, an Iranian-French GM. A couple of chairs away is D Gukesh, the reigning world champion.

On Sunday night, Gukesh and Carlsen sat next to each other during Norway Chess' pre-tournament press conference. Less than 24 hours later, Gukesh, with the white pieces against Vincent Keymer, one of his seconds for the 2024 World Championship match, is in the tank.

At first glance, this looks like an everyday chess event. But, in reality, this really isn't. The capacity crowd sit in silence but if they ever get bored, they can always walk to the floor above this to pick a book on Adolf Hitler. There's a book on Philip Kotler, the guru who wrote many of the earliest literature on management. If the fourth floor doesn't interest the reader, there are some books on music in the playing hall, within handshaking distance of the paying public.

A view of the book shelves and the spectator area inside the playing hall

So, how did a national library become the setting for one of the biggest Classical tournaments of the year? "We have always tried to develop the tournament from year to year," Kjell Madland, the tournament CEO, said. "It's always nice to try different things." This year, that meant taking Norway Chess from Stavanger, a small town in Norway's Southwest, to the country's capital.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

'Will be super cool to play World C'ship at home'

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Oslo

ON May 31, the window for cities to bid for the upcoming World Championship will be closed. There are some suggestions that an Indian city is again in the running to bid for the event. And D Gukesh, the reigning champion, said that he wouldn't mind facing Javokhir Sindarov 'at home'.

"A World Championship match, if it's in India, will be super cool," Gukesh said at Norway Chess' pre-tournament press conference. "It will attract a lot of energy around it. I will be very happy to play a World Championship match in India."

According to FIDE's bid document, the total duration of the event will be for 25 days to scheduled 'between November 23 and December 17'. When the Indian teen had qualified for his title match in 2024, two Indian cities — New Delhi and Chennai — had submitted separate bids to bring the match to India for the first time since 2013 but FIDE went with Singapore.

Playing a World Championship at home can give some natural advantages in a lot of sports but that may not necessarily be the case in chess. The spotlight is more, the pressure is amped up further but the Indian is one of those players who has enjoyed the challenge of playing at home. At the Olympiad in 2022, he won individual gold from Board 1. At the Chennai Grand Masters event in Chennai in 2023, when he needed to win to qualify for the Candidates in 2024, he won that as well. The one reverse he has had, though, was at the World Cup in Goa in 2025.

D Gukesh | MICHAL WALUSZA/FIDE

GM set for Olympiad

While the 19-year-old's schedule between now and the end of the season will be carefully managed to ensure he stays fresh, he will be playing for India at the Olympiad in Samarkhand in September. While Uzbekistan has emerged as a prime destination for top-tier FIDE events, they may not bid for the title match because Sindarov had made his feelings clear after winning the Candidates. The Uzbek player, who is at Norway Chess to support Bibisara Assaubayeva, said he wants to play the match in a 'hot country'. In December, Uzbekistan typically sees temperatures in the single digits with snowfall a possibility in the night.

Swiatek and Rybakina breeze into 2nd round

AGENCIES @ Paris

FOUR-TIME French Open champion Iga Swiatek and second seed Elena Rybakina both eased into the second round with comfortable wins at a sweltering Roland Garros on Monday, as Stan Wawrinka bade an emotional farewell to the tournament.

Swiatek, playing at a Grand Slam event for the first time since linking up with Rafael Nadal's former coach Francisco Roig, made short work of seeing off Australian teenager Emerson Jones 6-1, 6-2 in just 60 minutes. Rybakina beat Veronika Erjavec 6-2, 6-2.

Wawrinka waves goodbye

Former champion Wawrinka's final Roland Garros ended in disappointment as the 41-year-old was beaten 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 by Dutch lucky loser Jesper de Jong. Wawrinka is retiring at the end of the season.

Meanwhile, Novak Djokovic battled from behind to keep his dream of winning a 25th Major crown late on Sunday. The Serb beat Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard 5-7, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.

EXPRESS READ

Akshay, Vicky claim gold in U23 Asian meet

DA NANG (VIETNAM): India continued their impressive run at the U23 Wrestling Asian Championships with freestyle grapplers Akshay T Dhere and Vicky claiming stunning gold medals here on Monday. Muskan (53kg) and Tapsya (57kg) were the other gold medallists.

ISSF Munich WC: Arjun, Samrat in focus

MUNICH: Two finals in the men's 10m air pistol and 10m air rifle events are scheduled on Day 1 of competitions at the Munich leg of the ISSF World Cup on Tuesday with Samrat Rana and Arjun Babuta leading the Indian challenge. India have fielded a 22-member squad for the event.

Yamal headlines Spain World Cup squad

MADRID: Lamine Yamal is the star name in Spain's squad for the 2026 World Cup named by coach Luis de la Fuente, which also included Arsenal midfielder Mikel Merino after his recent return from injury. For the first time at a World Cup, the Spain squad will not feature a Real Madrid player.

Lakshya, Sindhu lead India's challenge

SINGAPORE: India's top shuttlers Lakshya Sen and PV Sindhu will look to end their title drought when they spearhead the country's challenge at the Singapore Open Super 750 tournament beginning here. Lakshya will face China's Lu Guang Zu in opener.

PARADIGM SHIFT: The new name tells a completely different story from cysts. It recognises a whole-body systemic disorder rather than a localised reproductive issue

HORMONAL HEALTH: Multiple endocrine glands are dysregulated simultaneously — including the ovaries, adrenal glands, pancreas, and the brain's hypothalamus

INSULIN SECRETION: Excess insulin aggressively stimulates the ovaries to overproduce male hormones (androgens), creating a vicious feedback loop

INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE: Chronic, low-grade inflammation runs throughout the body, contributing to long-term cardiovascular risk and accelerated biological ageing

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: Fertility challenges are entirely real, but they are just one manifestation among many — not the defining feature of the condition

OVULATION: Irregular or absent ovulation is a downstream consequence of hormonal and metabolic chaos, not the root cause

What PMOS Actually Affects

'Cyst' myth busted: PCOS is now PMOS

UNNIKRISHNAN S @T'Puram

FOR years, Ishitha assumed her irregular periods and stubborn weight gain were just inherited traits. When a gynaecologist in Kochi finally diagnosed her at 23 with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), she spent hours online bewildered. Like most young women in India, the word 'ovary' instantly conjured anxieties about marriage and fertility. Yet, she could not fathom what structural fluid sacs on her ovaries had to do with her chronic brain fog, anxiety, and prediabetic blood sugar. The answer is almost nothing.

That confusion — shared by millions of Indian women — is precisely why an international panel of scientists has formally renamed the condition. PCOS is now polyendocrine metabolic ovarian syndrome (PMOS). Published in The Lancet, this change corrects a deeply misleading medical misnomer. The old name pointed at the wrong thing — those 'cysts' on ultrasounds were actually just arrested egg follicles. By anchoring the diagnosis solely in the ovaries, medicine obscured how the condition drastically disrupts a woman's entire hormonal and metabolic architecture.

"The new name reflects the true nature of the condition — a chronic, multisystem endocrine-metabolic disorder. It shifts the focus from ovarian morphology to the broader hormonal and metabolic implications," said Dr Reji Mohan, associate professor in reproductive medicine at Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram.

India has a massive stake in this rebranding. Between 16% and 18% of Indian women live with PMOS — far above the global average. Crucially, South Asian women develop metabolic complications much earlier and at lower body weights than western populations. A woman can be slim by every conventional standard and still carry severe insulin resistance. Clinicians call this 'lean PMOS,' and because it defies traditional weight stereotypes, it is being missed every single day. These diagnostic blind spots have created a heavily fragmented healthcare experience. Research shows almost 85% of Indian patients had to consult multiple doctors before receiving a clear explanation. The old name fed this cycle: women with weight issues went to one specialist, those with acne or hair loss to another, and those struggling emotionally to a third. No single doctor looked at the whole picture because the name itself buried the underlying systemic link.

Modern lifestyle patterns are accelerating the crisis. Clinicians across Kerala are reporting a sharp spike in PMOS cases among women in their early twenties. Many visit outpatient clinics primarily for infertility, entirely unaware that their broader metabolic health is compromised.

"High consumption of processed foods, irregular meal timings, prolonged screen time, and poor sleep cycles are all aggravating hormonal imbalance. Stress from academics, work pressure, and social media play a significant role." said Dr Reji Mohan. For women who have lived for years with the distressing phrase "cysts on the ovaries," this sudden nomenclature shift can trigger fresh anxieties about past diagnoses or scans.

However, frontline physicians emphasize that this is an evolution in medical language, not a clinical error.

"Their diagnosis remains accurate and the treatment plan unchanged. What has evolved is our scientific understanding. This is not a contradiction — it is an invitation to look beyond fertility and consider overall health." said Dr Reji Mohan.

The word "polyendocrine" explicitly acknowledges that multiple hormonal systems are misfiring simultaneously — including insulin, androgens, and brain signals. Meanwhile, 'metabolic' places insulin resistance and cardiovascular risks at the absolute centre of care, where clinical evidence proves they belong. "PMOS strips away the stigma of cysts and empowers lifestyle management. For many patients, the old term simply did not capture their experience. This updated term emphasizes that the condition involves more than just the ovaries." said Dr Sajith Mohan R, Consultant, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, KIMSHEALTH, Thiruvananthapuram.

The challenge now shifts from global laboratories to India's public health infrastructure. ICMR guidelines, medical college textbooks, and health insurance policies must be rapidly overhauled to mandate and cover systemic metabolic monitoring — such as lipid profiles, glucose tolerance tests, and cardiac screenings.

EARLY SCREENING CAN CLOSE THE GAP IN PREVENTIVE CARE FOR WOMEN

PULSE OF THE MATTER

A 14-year-old girl in rural Rajasthan receiving her HPV vaccine and a seventy-year-old woman holding a health insurance card for the first time may seem to belong to different chapters of India's healthcare story. They are not. Both reflect the same stubborn reality: women's health is addressed when illness arrives, rather than before it does. This gap can still be closed.

The structural barriers are well understood. The World Economic Forum estimates full gender parity remains 134 years away. Women spend nearly two-and-a-half times more hours than men on unpaid care work. In countless homes, a woman postpones her own screening because there are children, parents, a household. Women who delay preventive care are far more likely to enter the healthcare system at an advanced stage of illness.

The figures from Apollo's Health of the Nation Report 2026 reveal the scale of this problem. Among eligible women between the age of 30 to 49, only 1.9% have undergone cervical cancer screening. Fewer than 1% have had mammograms nationally. Among women who were screened, breast cancer was detected in one out of 359, their mean age being 51. Women from economically weaker households were far less likely to seek screening. Behind each number is an illness that could have been caught earlier.

Awareness is as important as access. Women exposed to cancer awareness through television and media were two times more likely to undergo breast cancer screening. Communication, therefore, is part of the intervention itself.

Adolescence is a crucial window for prevention. India's HPV vaccination programme targets nearly 1.15 crore 14-year-old girls annually through government facilities. Cervical cancer is among the few cancers that vaccination and early screening can effectively prevent. Larger industry intervention can enhance the range of impact ensuring consistent, community-rooted implementation. This could change the health trajectory of an entire generation.

At the other end of life, the challenge is equally severe. India's elderly population has crossed 104 million and is projected to reach 319 million by 2050. The extension of Ayushman Bharat to cover all citizens aged 70 and above, with coverage of up to ₹5 lakh regardless of income, is a significant step. But elderly women in rural areas still face barriers of geography, mobility, and health literacy. Reaching them requires mobile screening units, community health workers guiding them, insurance access, and awareness campaigns in local languages.

No single institution can take the sole responsibility. Public systems, private providers, and civil society must work with shared goals and real accountability.

I grew up watching my father build Apollo on the belief that quality healthcare should reach every person. That conviction guides how I think about prevention today. Every stage of a woman's life carries a window for timely care. Once that window closes, the cost grows considerably. India now has the opportunity to build a system that treats women's health as a continuous commitment rather than a response to crisis.

DR PREETHA REDDY, Executive Vice-Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for **"Maintenance contract for artificer works (petty repair works) at Hebbagodi Depot".** The works details can be obtained from the procurement website. The Tender documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 25.06.2025 up to 17:00 hrs.** Further details can be obtained from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working Hours.

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NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda, Peenya II Stage Branch** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by Speed Post AD calling upon you, was unserved/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors: 1. Mr. Siddalingappa K K S/o Late Kapani Gowda (Borrower), **2.Mr. Shanthakumar K S,** S/o Mr. Siddalingappa K K (Co-Borrower) **Both are residing at**: No. 10, 1 Cross, 8th Main Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagara, Bangalore - 560057. **3.Mr. Siddalingappa K K (Borrower) 4 Shantha Kumar K.S (Co-Borrower) Both are residing at:** Survey. No.64, Huruli Chikkanahalli Village, Near Sai Enclave Layout, Silvapura Road, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore - 560090. **5.Mrs. Geetha M W/o** Mr. C Mohan (Guarantor) No.1125, 6 th Cross, Kalyannagar, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore 560073.

Nature and type of facility	Limit (Rs.in Lakhs)	Rate of Interest	O/s as on 08.05.2026 (excluding of un-serviced interest up to 07.05.2026)
Mortgage Loan	12.50	11.75%	9,57,711.00+3,95,922.96 (Un-serviced interest upto 08.05.2026)

Amount Outstanding : Rs.9,57,711.00 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Only) as on **08.05.2026** along with the further interest there on.

NPA Date :08.05.2026 **Demand Notice Date : 11.05.2026**

Security agreement with brief description of securities

Various security and financial documents executed by Borrower Guarantor dated 29.09.2014 an Mortgage created by way of Deposit of Title Deeds of all the piece and parcel immovable property dated 29.09.2014 as detailed below:

EM of Western portion of the land bearing Sy.No.64 Hurulichikkanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring to the extent of 25 guntas excluding 1 gunta of Kharab land out of 4 acres 12 guntas excluding 6 guntas of Kharab land and bounded on the East by: Remaining middle portion of same land bearing Sy.No.64, West by : Sy. No.56 belongs to Channathimmaiah and Bylappa's, property, North by: Land bearing Sy. No.65 and 66 belongs to H Ramaiah Pandu Venkatesh and Muddahanumaiah, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.62 and 63 belongs to Govindappa Muddahanumaiah Channathimmaiah and others.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 21.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Bank of Baroda**

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin – 682024

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Jishor P K (Borrower) Mrs. Aneesha P K (Co-Borrower) Loan Account no. LBTHR00005214383	3 BHK House with Land area 1744 in built up area of 1415 Sq. Ft in 1.62 Ares (4 Cents) in SY No. 316/3, Thorav Village, Mukundhapuram Taluk, Thrissur District, Pin- 680301. Bounded on the North: Property of Binoy South: 3 Meter Pathway East: 3.65 Meter Pathway West: Property of Annie and Sathyasheelan	Rs. 36,69,808/- (as on May 19, 2026)	Rs. 36,00, 000/- / Rs.3,60, 000/-	June 26, 2026 from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM	July 03, 2026 from 10:30 AM to 11.30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by July 02, 2026 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin-682024 Branch on or before July 02, 2026 by 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before July 02, 2026 by 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin-682024 Branch on or before July 02, 2026 by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Cochin.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 9655225532/8129501439.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : May 26, 2026
Place: Bangalore

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT (2nd Time)

Under the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Amrut Nagarothana Phase-4 Scheme for the year 2024-25, steps have been taken to implement the remaining programs in the units of 24.10%, 7.25% and 5% under individual programs. Accordingly, the following applications are invited from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other categories and specially-Challenged persons to avail the facilities for the following programs mentioned below: -

Last date for submission of applications:- 30-05-2026

Under the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Amrut Nagarothana Phase-4 scheme, 24.10% reserved grant under the TSP program and under the individual program

SL	Details of projects	Estimated amount	Documents to be attached
1	Providing incentives to Scheduled Caste students pursuing postgraduate degrees as per government guidelines.	15.00 Lakhs	**(1)** Submit a certificate of study from the head of the concerned educational institution regarding the current year **(2)** Caste & Income Certificate for the current year **(3)** BPL Ration Card, Election ID Card, Xerox **(4)** Previous year's certified mark sheet **(5)** Xerox copy of bank passbook and Aadhaar card (eKYC is mandatory)
2	Purchase and distribution of three-wheelers to the disabled living within the limits of Challakere Municipal Corporation (40 applications have already been accepted and only 08 applications have been invited for the remaining)	63.75 Lakhs	**(1)** Physically Challenged Identity Certificate, UDID Card **(2)** Valid Caste & Income Verification Certificate for the current year **(3)** BPL Ration Card & Election Identity Card

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Sd/- Commissioner, City Municipal Council , Challakere

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A notice is hereby given that the following borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned in to Non-performing Assets. The notices were issued to them under section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 on their last known addresses, however the same have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower	Property Address on Which Loan Availed	Notice Date	Bal. O/S (Claimed) in Rs.
1.	**(1) Mr.Mustooru Sasidhar** S/o.Mr.M Lakshmanna **(2) Mrs. Sowmya Kaniamapati** W/o. Mr. Mustooru Sasidhar, **Both are residing at :** Doctor's Quarters, St.Martin's Hospital Ambalavayal Po, Wayanad, Kerala-673593. **Also at :** No.49, 3rd Cross, SBM Colony, Brindavan Nagar, Bangalore North- 560054.	**Description of The Property Belongs to Mr. Mustooru Sasidhar & Mrs. Sowmya Kaniamapati** All that piece and parcel of property bearing no.11 (Old no.11/73-3), present BBMP katha no.49, PID No.2-97-39, New PID no.017-W0333-23, situated at 3rd Cross, S.B.M.Officers' Colony, 8th Main, Brindavan Nagar, Mathikere, BBMP Ward no.2. Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 ft. or 12.19 Mtrs. and North to South: 35 ft. or 10.66 Mtrs.. in all measuring 1400 Sq.ft (129.14 Sq.Mtrs.) together with house constructed thereon in an area of 1800 Sq.ft., and bounded as follows: On the East by : Private Property, West by : 25 feet Road, North by : Site no.12, South by : Site No.10. **For any clarification, please contact Mr. Giridhar D, Mobile No.9703831581.**	29.04.2026 **NPA Date 21.04.2026**	ASSET POWER BRE Loan A/c No. LPR056106787901 Amount : Rs.96,58,147/- Total Amount: Rs.90,21,960/- Overdraft Against Property Loan A/c No. 922030016826241 Amount : Rs.15,00,000/- Total Amount: Rs.10,71,305/- Total O/s Amount: Rs. 1,00,93,265/- as on 27.04.2026

Please note that as mention in sub–sec. 13 of sec.-13 of the aforesaid Act, you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the assets stated under security referred to in this notice without prior written consent of our bank.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrowers and/ or the guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice as per the provision of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, after Receipt of Notice referred to in Sub-section (2), transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of sections 13 of the Act. The borrowers may redeem the secured assets by paying the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

Date : 25.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank Ltd.**

Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited

(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
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No.KHDCL/M(WHS)/MD/Rent/Lease/2026-27/28 **Dated:25.05.2026**

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Managing Director, Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited., (KHDCL) invites e-tender from interested bidders (Govt/PSU/Institution and other organization) on Rent/ License of the following Buildings located at Peenya 2nd Stage, 2nd Main Road, Peenya, Bangalore-560058 under the condition of "AS AND WHERE IS BASIS" as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-1999 & Rules 2000 in two cover system as follows:

Sl. No.	Shed No and Address Details	Total Area of Plot measuring in Sq Ft: Size of the Constructed Shed Area Measuring In Sq Ft	Vacant Land Adjacent to the Shed in In Sq Ft	Total Area including Constructed Shed and vacant Land Adjacent to the Shed in Sq Ft (as one Unit)	Prescribed EMD Amount in Rs.
1	Shed No A-8, Peenya II Stage, Bangalore-560058	5215.91	5165.54	10381.45	45000.00
2	Shed No A-54 (a), Peenya II Stage, Bangalore-560058	9860.79	0	9860.79	50000.00
3	Shed No A-54 (b), Peenya II Stage, Bangalore-560058	5324.19	4510.55	9834.74	45000.00
4	Shed No A-177, (Vacant Land) 4th Cross, Peenya 1st Stage. Bangalore	Building Structure Damaged	10147 (including Damaged Building Structure)	10147	45000.00
5	Shed No A-58, Peenya II Stage, Bangalore-560058 (Partial Corner Portion Shop with built in furniture)	434	0	434	10000.00

The Tender Documents may be downloaded through KPP Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or KHDCL website **https://khdc.karnataka.gov.in.** The Last Date and Time for Submission of Tenders Bid along with prescribed EMD is fixed **on 23.06.2026 up to 5.30 PM.** The Interested Bidders may inspect the above Land and Building during the Office hours on the above address. The Managing Director, KHDCL reserves the right to partially or totally accept, negotiate or reject the tender without any notification.

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DAY'S DIARY

One Last Time!

On this day in 1927, Henry Ford and his son drove the 15 millionth Model T Ford out of their factory, marking the last day of its production

REVOLUTIONARY VEHICLE

The vehicle, for the first time, had its engine block and the crankcase cast as a single unit, a removable cylinder head for easy access and an agile transmission to easily shift gears

AFFORDABLE PRICING

The Model T revolutionised American life, as anyone with a decent job, blue collar or white, could afford to buy it and keep it running

POPULARITY

The vehicle became famous for the stunts it could perform, including climbing the stairs of the Tennessee State Capitol and reaching Pikes Peak

What's happening in Bengaluru?

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Recently donned by celebrities like Rukmini Vasanth, glass bangles, reimagined into pastel stacks, oxidised layers and Y2K maximalism, are now becoming the Gen Z fashion staple, reclaiming their place as fashion's newest obsession

A GLASSIC COMEBACK

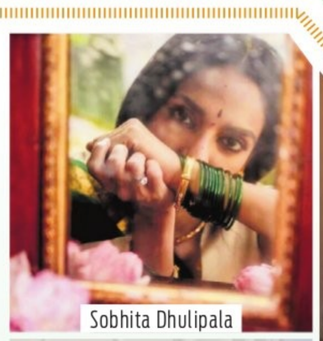
ANJALI RAM

LONG ago, glass bangles were reserved especially for festivals and family celebrations. From pastel stacks paired with oversized shirts to a single statement bangle worn with a watch and denim, the accessory is re-entering mainstream fashion, this time through the lens of Gen Z styling.

For consumers, this comeback carries memories of their mothers getting ready for celebrations, grandmothers stacking colourful sets before temple visits and the familiar sound clinking through homes. "Glass bangles carry emotional value right from our grandmothers' era," says fashion enthusiast Veekshita Gowda.

Celebrity stylist Rukmini Nitin dives into the history of glass bangles, as she notes that they have existed across Indian cultures for generations and became popular due to their accessibility across socio-economic backgrounds. Over time, artisan communities developed localised styles and techniques, turning cities like Firozabad into major hubs of glass bangle production. "Glass bangles were never merely decorative. They became symbols of marriage, prosperity, fertility and feminine energy across traditions," she explains. In South India, ceremonies such as Valaikappu continue to celebrate motherhood through the ritual adornment of glass bangles.

Earlier associated with traditional attire, glass bangles are now appearing alongside corsets, jackets, oversized shirts and Indo-Western silhouettes. Fashion creators are layering them with oxidised jewellery, metallic cuffs and watches, transforming them into statement accessories. Content creator Anupama Raj believes social media has accelerated this revival. "Fashion is becoming increasingly nostalgic. Gen Z is drawn to vintage Bollywood aesthetics, old-school accessories and traditional fabrics. Glass bangles fit perfectly into that revival," she shares.



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Anupama Raj

Sonam Bajwa

Platforms like Instagram and Pinterest have also played a significant role in changing its journey from 'traditional' to trend-forward. Influencers and stylists regularly showcase stacked combinations, textured finishes and colourful layering that feel youthful and experimental. The revival also coincides with fashion's current maximalist era. Bold accessorising and expressive styling have become central to Gen Z fashion, creating space for glass bangles to return, according to maximalist stylist Shivani Jai. She believes the resurgence is linked to the return of Y2K aesthetics and expressive dressing, noting, "Gen Z loves being bold and unapologetic. The right stack of bangles can completely change an outfit."

According to Jai, the little 'jingle-jangle' adds personality to even the simplest outfits. She points to the popularity of Kashmiri-inspired bangles, chunky resin styles and colourful mixed stacks as evidence that traditional accessories are being reimagined for everyday fashion.

Rukmini Vasanth dons glass bangles in shades of yellow and green | KEVIN NASHON

Meanwhile, affordability and comfort are also driving the trend. Unlike heavy jewellery, glass bangles are lightweight and easy to style repeatedly. "You can wear a white T-shirt, denim, a watch and a few glass bangles, and it elevates the outfit. It's like adding a touch of your roots in a modern way," says Gowda, adding, "You can style bangles and repurpose pieces you already have in your wardrobe."

Pastel shades, mirror-work detailing, asymmetrical textures and layered stacks are among the biggest trends dominating the market today. Brides, too, are increasingly mixing glass bangles with gold jewellery, temple pieces and oxidised accessories to create more personalised looks, says Raj, adding, "Mix-and-match styling has made festive and bridal fashion feel more creative and personalised."

For a generation constantly remixing the past into something new, the humble glass bangle has become more than just an accessory, bridging memory and modernity. "Without changing the traditional essence or craftsmanship behind glass bangles, artisans and vendors are becoming more open to contemporary customisation," says Nitin. Gowda agrees, as she adds, "Social media, in a way, is helping many artisans by giving them visibility they didn't have before."

SPOTLIGHT

Actor Rukmini Vasanth recently attended Gulistan Edit, a clothing collection launch by Avantra in the city, where she revealed her love for traditional fashion. Draped in a mustard-yellow saree, paired with a high-collar blouse and large golden loop earrings, along with an eye-catching stack of glass bangles, the *Kantara* fame's silhouette combined the sleekness of modernity and softness of traditional style that perfectly suited her casual charm. When asked about her relationship with ethnic wear, Vasanth speaks of her mother and grandmother's influence on her love for traditional fashion and the nostalgia she associates with it. She shares, "It has a strong resonance with the kind of tradition and beauty that these ladies embody. It's a matter of nostalgia and joy," recounting her childhood memories of trying on sarees, adding, "It's a mark of girlhood". On the work front, Vasanth will be next seen in *Toxic*, which boasts a stellar cast. She also has Prashanth Neel-directorial *Dragon*, in the pipeline, about which she gushes, saying, "I can finally talk about it; up till now it was a big secret." Instinct, she shares, guides her forward while selecting projects. "Part of it is definitely a gut-feeling thing. If the story is engaging as I view it as an audience, then I can explore what my character is," she admits.

(Inputs by Chandana Nagaraju)

As Arsenal lifted the Premier League trophy after 22 years last Sunday, the city witnessed emotional celebrations, with Gooners marking the historic triumph

ANJALI RAM

IT wasn't a usual Sunday for Arsenal supporters. After 22 years of heartbreaks and near misses, Gooners (global fanbase of the London-based club) across the world finally witnessed their club lift the Premier League trophy, turning pubs and living rooms into emotional gatherings filled with chants, songs and nervous anticipation. Calling the big win 'surreal', engineer John George K says, "This is the moment every Arsenal fan has been dreaming about."

Arsenal, led by captain Martin Ødegaard, finished the 2025-26 Premier League season, securing 85 points after victory (2-1) against Crystal Palace on the final day. For software developer Sreeniketh H, the victory brought back memories of growing up as a fan during the club's difficult years. "I started following Arsenal in the 2011-12 season as a hosteller staying up late to follow Champions League games through text commentaries," he says, adding, "This season was a proper rollercoaster. Even when Arsenal were leading, I kept denying our chances because I was scared of disappointment." Sreeniketh.

Configuration analyst Joel Jacob, another longtime supporter, says Arsenal has been a constant part of his life since 2012. "Arsenal is the longest relationship I've been in. I watched them through the banter years and stayed up during exams to watch games. Seeing them win the league means the world to me," he laughs.

Many fans credit manager Mikel Arteta for rebuilding the club's identity after years of inconsistency and criticism. George believes the Spaniard restored belief and ambition at Arsenal after difficult years following the club's move from Highbury to the Emirates Stadium. "He transformed the mentality, culture, and standards around Arsenal. Today, he's made Arsenal a club players genuinely want to join again," he says.

Arsenal players during the club's title celebrations on Sunday | AFP

Fans are embracing rituals around the title run. Jacob says he always sits in the same seat at home during matches, while George avoids checking the starting lineup before kickoff because he believes it brings bad luck. Sunday witnessed many watch parties, as Jomy Mathew Jose, the co-admin of Arsenal Bangalore Supporters Club, recognised by Arsenal, shares, "This was more than just a football screening. With over 1,000 Arsenal fans coming together across four locations in the city, every cheer, chant and emotional moment showed how deeply football connects people beyond the game itself." Another member, Ankur Sengupta, adds, "A lot of our members grew up hearing stories of the Invincibles, but had never experienced a Premier League title celebration themselves. We organised screenings across four venues, with over 1,000 fans turning up in red and white. There were chants, flags, scarves, nonstop singing and fans celebrating like one big family."

The celebrations are extending beyond watch parties, too. Jersey sellers across Bengaluru are reportedly witnessing a spike in Arsenal merchandise sales, especially the club's latest edition jerseys, as supporters rush to own a piece to be a part of the history. "I have a small jersey collection, but it's expanding soon. I plan to get my first tattoo thanks to this win," says Sreeniketh. Meanwhile, Jacob shares, "I buy Arsenal jerseys every year, and I plan on continuing this tradition for the rest of my life."

Even with a Champions League final still ahead, most fans insist the Premier League triumph alone has already made this season unforgettable. But excitement hasn't stopped there. "We are gearing up for the Champions League final screening this Saturday, which is incredibly emotional match for Arsenal fans. The club is back in a Champions League final after 20 years, and this is one trophy that has escaped us," says Sengupta, with hopes of many more wins and chants of 'We love you Arsenal, we do'.

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Sreeniketh H, software developer

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John George K, engineer

CITY READ

Half-marathon with over 6,000 participants concludes

The second edition of the Freedom Bengaluru Half-Marathon 2026, held at the NICE Road stretch and presented by Freedom Healthy Cooking Oil, concluded on May 24 with over 6000 runners from across the country. The event brought together seasoned athletes, fitness enthusiasts and running communities who competed under three different categories: the 21.1k half-marathon, the 10k and the 5k. The winners of the half-marathon are Harish Aun in the male category and Simran Singh Rathi in the female category, while Pramod Bajirao Urkude and Devangi Purkayastha won the top spots in the 10k run.

FOCUS FEATURE

'IB Education in India Is Likely to Become a Stronger Mainstream Choice'

Rajeev Koul, Deputy COO, Global Schools Group, discusses the rising popularity of the IB curriculum in India and how One World International School is shaping holistic, inquiry-driven education for future-ready learners.

1. The International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum is gaining traction in India. What, in your view, is driving this shift among parents and students today?

Parents today are looking beyond marks. They want education that builds adaptability, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking alongside academic performance.

The IB framework stands apart because it focuses on inquiry, conceptual understanding, and real-world application rather than memorisation. Students are encouraged to analyse, research, and solve problems independently.

Another key factor is university readiness. Programmes such as the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) help students develop research, analytical thinking, and independent learning skills valued globally.

2. How do you see IB education evolving in India over the next 5–10 years, especially in comparison to CBSE and other national boards?

Over the next decade, IB education in India is likely to become a stronger mainstream choice, especially in urban centres. Its growth aligns with reforms that emphasise competency-based and multidisciplinary learning.

While CBSE and other national boards will continue to serve a large segment of students, they are also evolving. IB's strength lies in its global benchmarks, inquiry-driven learning, and focus on independent research.

Rather than direct competition, we see increasing convergence where best practices across boards benefit students overall.

Q3. There is often a perception that IB is niche or elitist. How is this narrative changing, and what role do schools like One World International School (OWIS) play in democratising access?

That perception is gradually changing as parents better understand the IB curriculum and its long-term value. More Indian families are choosing IB for its emphasis on critical thinking, communication, research, and holistic development.

There is also growing recognition that IB strengthens academic rigour through deeper understanding and application of knowledge.

Schools like OWIS are helping democratise access by making high-quality IB education more accessible within an inclusive learning environment.

4. How does OWIS integrate academics with extracurriculars, technology, and life skills to prepare students beyond the classroom?

At OWIS, learning combines academics with co-curricular activities, technology, and life skills to nurture well-rounded individuals. Classroom learning is enriched through project-based assignments, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving, while programmes in coding, AI, robotics, and innovation encourage exploration beyond textbooks.

Sports, arts, leadership, and community engagement further help students build confidence, resilience, and interpersonal skills beyond academics.

5. OWIS follows a student-centric, inquiry-based approach. How does this translate into measurable outcomes for students?

Inquiry-based learning develops deeper understanding rather than surface-level memorisation.

Students learn to research, evaluate evidence, communicate ideas clearly, and apply knowledge across contexts. These outcomes become visible through exhibitions, projects, assessments, and academic performance.

Experiences such as the PYP Exhibition, MYP Personal Project, Extended Essay, and TOK demonstrate independent thinking, reflection, and interdisciplinary understanding. IB students also transition effectively into higher education because they are familiar with analytical writing and self-directed learning.

6. With campuses in Sarjapur and Whitefield, how are you ensuring consistency in learning experience while catering to diverse student communities?

Consistency across campuses is achieved through a strong academic framework, centralised training, and clearly defined quality benchmarks. Curriculum delivery, assessment standards, and teaching methodologies are aligned to ensure a consistent learning experience.

Facilitators adapt their approach based on student needs while maintaining the core philosophy and rigour of the IB framework.

Continuous professional development, collaborative planning, and cross-campus alignment help maintain consistency in learning quality and outcomes.

7. IB schools are often associated with global university pathways. How does OWIS support students in their higher education aspirations?

The IB Diploma Programme is recognised globally for its academic rigour and emphasis on independent learning.

At OWIS, university guidance begins early through support in subject selection, career exploration, profile building, research opportunities, and extracurricular planning.

Core academic skills such as research writing, critical evaluation, and balanced development are embedded into the curriculum through the Extended Essay, TOK, and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), preparing students for both admissions and university life.

8. What are the top three factors parents in India consider today when choosing an IB school?

First, parents look at the quality of IB implementation and how effectively the school delivers inquiry-based learning and student development.

Second, they evaluate the overall learning environment, including well-being, life skills, creativity, technology integration, and holistic development.

Third, outcomes matter. Parents want evidence that the school prepares students for long-term success through academic readiness, university pathways, leadership skills, and future adaptability.

BOOK NOOK

Yesteryear
By Caro Claire Burke

A traditional American woman, a "tradwife" influencer, suddenly awakens in the brutal reality of 1855 where she must unravel whether this living nightmare is an elaborate hoax, a twisted reality show, or something far more sinister in this sensational debut novel.

Taiwan Travelogue
By Lin King

A bittersweet story of love between two women, nested in an artful exploration of language, history, and power. It won the 2026 Booker Prize.

Strangers: A Memoir of Marriage
By Belle Burden

With unflinching honesty and profound grace, Burden charts a path through heartbreak to show the power of a woman who refuses to give up on love.

The Witch
By Marie NDiaye

The novel follows the life of Lucie, a witch of mediocre skill. Equal parts dreamlike and disquieting, The Witch tells a tale as old as time, with a dark twist

ORCHESTRAL OPUS

The South Asian Symphony Orchestra (SASO) performs a musical piece at Mount Carmel College, Palace Road, during an event organised by the institution's alumni association | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

MEXICAN RICE

INGREDIENTS

- **Rice:** ½ cup (long-grain, uncooked)
- **Garlic:** 1 clove, minced
- **Vegetable oil, cumin and chilli powder:** 1 tsp each
- **Tomato sauce:** ¼ cup
- **Choice of vegetables or chicken**

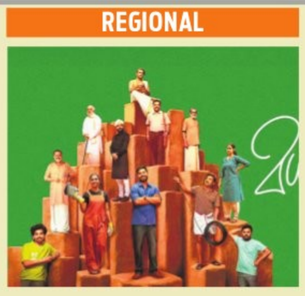
METHOD

- Heat oil in a pan over medium heat; sauté minced garlic for 30 seconds.
- Add vegetables for 2-3 minutes until toasted.
- Add rice and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes until lightly translucent.
- Stir in tomato sauce, cumin, chili powder, and salt; cook for 1 minute.
- Simmer for 10 minutes. Fluff with a fork and serve hot.

Contributed by **Purba Majumder,** Bengaluru

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL



MADHUVIDHU (Malayalam)

A couple begins their married life with joy and excitement. However, the honeymoon phase fades as small misunderstandings spiral out of control, threatening their future together.

Cast: Kalyani Panicker, Sharaf U Dheen, Jagadish

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

SYSTEM (Hindi)

Privileged prosecutor Neha Rajvansh and humble stenographer Sarika Rawat's lives collide in a system where power shapes truth, forcing them to question the meaning of justice.

Cast: Jyothika, Sonakshi Sinha, Ashutosh Gowariker

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

LADIES FIRST (English)

A male chauvinist is transported to a matriarchal society, facing challenges from a formidable female version of himself.

Cast: Sacha Baron Cohen, Rosamund Pike, Tom Davis

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

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Prime Video:	₹ 299/month
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Disney+ Hotstar:	₹ 899/year
Zee5:	₹ 699/year
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SonyLIV:	₹ 299/month

FITBIT

THERAPEUTIC YOGA & MEDITATION: WHY MORE WOMEN ARE TURNING TO MIND-BODY WELLNESS

Women's health is deeply connected to hormones, stress, sleep, and emotional well-being, yet modern lifestyles often disrupt all four. As a yoga and wellness expert, I've seen therapeutic yoga and meditation become powerful tools not just for flexibility, but for hormonal balance, emotional resilience and long-term health support.

- **WOMEN'S BODIES NEED RECOVERY, NOT CONSTANT STRESS:** From menstrual cycles and PMOS to pregnancy and menopause, a woman's body constantly adapts to hormonal shifts. Chronic stress can intensify symptoms like anxiety, fatigue, mood swings and sleep disturbances.

WHAT TO DO: 10-20 minutes of daily breathwork or meditation to calm the nervous system and reduce cortisol levels.

- **THERAPEUTIC YOGA SUPPORTS HORMONAL BALANCE:** Gentle yoga practices can help regulate the endocrine system and improve circulation especially beneficial for PMS, irregular cycles and menopause symptoms.

WHAT TO DO: Include poses like Butterfly Pose (Bhadrasana), Legs-Up-the-Wall (Viparita Karani) and Cat-Cow stretches for pelvic and hormonal support.

- **STRESS REDUCTION IS ONE OF YOGA'S BIGGEST BENEFITS:** Meditation and pranayama (breathwork) activate the parasympathetic nervous system, helping reduce anxiety and emotional overwhelm.

WHAT TO DO: Practice bhramari (humming breath) or alternate nostril breathing before sleep or during stressful workdays.

- **YOGA CAN IMPROVE STRENGTH, BONE HEALTH & MOBILITY:** Women are more vulnerable to bone-density loss with age, especially post-menopause. Yoga improves flexibility, posture, joint mobility and muscular endurance.

WHAT TO DO: Incorporate weight-bearing and balancing poses such as tree pose (vrikshasana), warrior I (virabhadrasana I), and chair pose (utkatasana) to strengthen muscles, improve posture and support long-term bone health.

- **THERAPEUTIC YOGA SUPPORTS PREGNANCY & POSTPARTUM RECOVERY:** Prenatal yoga improves breathing, posture and emotional calmness, while postpartum yoga supports recovery and reduces emotional stress.

WHAT TO DO: Focus on guided, low-impact routines under expert supervision during and after pregnancy.

- **MEDITATION IMPROVES SLEEP & EMOTIONAL STABILITY:** Poor sleep and burnout are increasingly common among women balancing work, caregiving and personal responsibilities. Meditation helps improve sleep quality and emotional regulation.

WHAT TO DO: Practice Yoga Nidra or restorative yoga instead of screen time at the end of the day.

Therapeutic yoga is about sustainable healing and awareness. About 15 minutes of daily yoga can improve mood, energy and flexibility over time.

By Divya Rolla, yoga expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Summer Spread

Experience a limited-edition menu crafted to capture the bright, nostalgic and playful moods of summer. The curated spread lists starters like avo mango toast and a mango & focaccia panzanella salad, and mains ranging from roasted zucchini & stracciatella pizza to a cottage cheese bánh mì with raw mango slaw.

WHEN: May 26 onwards, 9am
WHERE: Smoke House Deli, all outlets across the city
CALL: 9228035641

Mallu Moves

Dance through a Mallu Night featuring DJ Zia bringing Kerala vibes and iconic Malayalam beats. Enjoy a night where culture meets celebration and the dance floor never slows down.

WHEN: May 26, 8pm
WHERE: House of Dopamine, Koramangala
CALL: 96864 44906

Laughter Nights

Step in for a night of unpredictable open mic comedy featuring a roster of seasoned comics and local hits. This show brings together rapid-fire sequences, crowd work and clever jokes. End your night with laughs and high-energy performances from start to finish.

WHEN: May 26, 9.20pm
WHERE: The Coffee Theatre, Indiranagar
DETAILS: district.in

Dot by Dot

Immerse yourself in the therapeutic world of mandala art. Turn simple dots into balanced patterns with vibrant, colourful layers to transform a blank canvas into a symmetrical decor. Get to meet like-minded people while crafting a piece of art to take home.

WHEN: May 26, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
CALL: 73539 41419

Botanical Metaphors

Explore and learn about the fascinating intersection of queer identity, colonial histories and ecology in Wax Poetic: Weeds & Their Metaphors by London-based culinary creative **Barney Pau**. The literary experience includes a 40-minute presentation followed by an interactive Q&A session.

WHEN: May 26, 6.30pm
WHERE: Museum of Art and Photography (MAP), Kasturba Road
DETAILS: map-india.org

Dessert Soirée

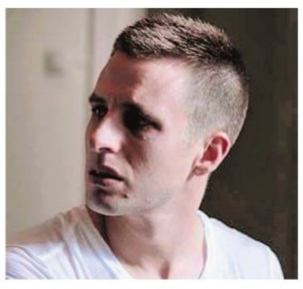
Join an eight-course tasting session that brings out the best pastries and curated desserts directly from the bakers. The fine dining experience promises a take on modern pastry that stays beyond the table.

WHEN: May 27, 7pm
WHERE: Lavonne Café, Jayamahal Main Road
CALL: 78993 21188

Soul Screenings

Step into a film screening of *Oslo, August 31st*, a film that navigates the journey of a young man in the city out of rehab, trying to reconnect with old friends and confront the fragments of his past. The screening promises a space to stick around after the final credits for an open, friendly group discussion about the film's themes.

WHEN: May 26, 7.30pm
WHERE: Underline Center, Domlur
DETAILS: district.in



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Spaces

GET YOUR HOME SUMMER COMPLIANT

From reducing layers to switching fabrics, here is how your house can battle this relentles heat

SUMMERS are here and so is the heat! With summers come warmth and brightness that can make your space bright and airy even on the hottest days. While air conditioners and coolers are splurged on and have become a necessity, there are some ways in which your homes can feel the impact of the heat lesser. Your spaces can be revamped with these small changes that heighten celebrating the summer light well.

Floors

While carpeted spaces feel warm, summers are the time they get too heavy to be in. Replace wall to wall carpets with area rugs. Choose rugs made of natural materials like bamboo or cotton that are breathable, help keep the space cool while adding character to a plain floor. For floors that use natural stone or concrete, skipping the rug completely is even better. Walking barefoot on the textured floor often feels refreshing in the otherwise hot atmosphere. Lime plaster is one other finish that helps with the heat and since they are sustainable, the environment vouches for it too.

DESIGN STORY

Neeta Jessani
A designer and lover of textures making functional spaces aesthetic

Curtains

This is the season to celebrate light while also being mindful of how much light is let into your space as it brings heat with it. Pastel hues and sheer curtains in cotton and linen are best suited for this season. Wrap and put away the thick, dark coloured, heavy fabrics that would not only be visually heavy but will also generate heat in your spaces. With the economical options and variety available in the market currently, this is the wisest switch to make this season.

Biophilia

Plants are nature's air purifier, and as summers intensify, our homes yearn for fresh air. Plants like spider, fern and snake plants add an aesthetic value beside improving the air quality. Ficus and rubber are favourites too owing to their elegant, shiny leaves.

Placing planters of various heights and sizes induce a breath of freshness into the space. Also, there is no such thing as too many plants.

Light bedding

While winters are to cosy up under a double layered quilt and woollens, summers require light weighted, breathable bedding with thinner foam in quilts to help regulate the temperature. Airy cotton bedding with cotton duvets are the most ideal for this weather. In summers, the cushions need to be minimal too, alongside a bed without a throw or runner.

The lesser layers there are to a bed, the more comfortable it makes it to adapt with the scorching heat. Pastel shades and subtle prints would accentuate the aesthetics and keep the visual light.

Energy efficient

The other important thing to keep in mind is reducing the use of lights and gadgets. Though there are some gadgets that have to be used, switching them off when not in use can help save the environment while reducing the heat generated from them. Switch to LED bulbs for your lighting over the regular ones that generate a lot more heat. Use ceiling fans to reduce the use of air conditioners. This is also the season to utilise abundant natural light to your advantage.

Style up your outdoor spaces like balconies, patios and terraces to host or just enjoy the golden hour with your favourite beverage. Add plants, floor cushions, and fairy lights to complete the look. Summers are often resented because of the heat, but let's switch the script and celebrate the light!

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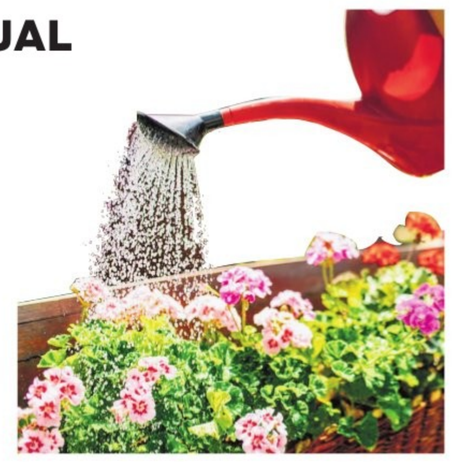

The art of watering plants

Plants often suffer more from too much water than from too little

WATERING plants appears to be one of the simplest tasks in gardening, yet it is also one of the most misunderstood. In urban landscapes across India, improper watering is among the most common reasons plants decline or die. Plants need water to survive, but the key to healthy plant growth lies not in watering frequently, but in watering correctly. Understanding how plants use water, how soil holds it, and how climate affects evaporation, can transform the way gardens perform.

The biggest mistake: Overwatering

Surprisingly, plants often suffer more from too much water than from too little. Roots require oxygen to survive. When soil remains constantly saturated, air pockets disappear, and roots begin to suffocate. This condition, commonly known as root rot, leads to yellow leaves, soft stems and can lead to death.

Plants adapted to dry environments are particularly sensitive to overwatering. Species such as snake plant, aloe vera, agave americana, and jade plant store water in their leaves and stems. These plants evolve in arid climates and require watering only when the soil has completely dried out.

Plants that prefer moist soil

While some plants prefer dry conditions, others thrive in consistently moist soil. Tropical foliage plants such as Peace Lily, Calathea, Maidenhair Fern and Anthurium originate from humid rainforest environments. Their roots expect steady moisture and higher humidity levels. Even moisture-loving plants require good drainage. Soil that stays waterlogged for long periods can still damage their roots.

Dr Ekta Chaudhary
The writer is the founder of Garden Up and a leading expert in urban landscaping and plant ecology

Watering according to climate

India's diverse climates mean watering schedules must change depending on location and season.

In Delhi, summers are extremely hot and dry, with temperatures often exceeding 40°C. During these months, evaporation rates increase, and plants may require more frequent watering. Flowering plants such as Hibiscus, Bougainvillea and Tecoma stans may need watering every two to three days in peak summer.

In Mumbai, the humid coastal climate changes watering needs. During the monsoon season, plants may receive sufficient natural rainfall, and watering frequency should be reduced to avoid root rot.

In Chennai, intense sun and high humidity create unique conditions. Plants require well-draining soil and steady watering schedules, particularly during the dry pre-monsoon summer months.

The best time to water plants

Timing also plays an important role in plant health. Early morning is generally the best time to water plants. Watering during this time allows plants to absorb moisture before temperatures rise.

Watering during hot afternoons is less effective because much of the water evaporates quickly. Evening watering can sometimes leave soil wet overnight, which may encourage fungal diseases in certain plants.

Deep watering vs shallow watering

Instead of lightly sprinkling water on the soil surface, water should be applied thoroughly until it drains from the bottom of the pot or soil bed. This encourages roots to grow deeper into the soil, making plants more resilient during dry periods.

Trees such as Neem, Jamun and Gulmohar benefit from deep watering during their early growth stages. Once established, many native trees become surprisingly drought-tolerant.

Mulching: Nature's water conservation tool

Another important practice for maintaining soil moisture is mulching. Mulch refers to organic materials placed on top of the soil to reduce evaporation and regulate soil temperature. Common mulching materials include dried leaves, coconut husk chips, wood bark, and straw.

Plants such as Ixora, Canna indica and Heliconia benefit greatly from mulched soil because their roots prefer consistent moisture.

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I, **KURUP VINU RAMAKRISHNAN,** aged about 47 years, residing at No. 23, Prashanthi, Aralimara Cross, Near Royal Enclave, Phase-6, Sidedahalli, Nagasandra, Bengaluru - 560073. I hereby declare that my name is mentioned as **VINU R. KURUP** in my Employment records and Pan card, and **KURUP VINU RAMAKRISHNAN** in my Educational Documents and My Daughter's Birth Certificate and **VINU KURUP** in my Aadhar Card. I hereby declare that the above all three names refer to one and the same person i.e., myself. Now I wish to change my name to **VINU KURUP** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 22-05-2026 before Notary Deepa.M, Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be called as **VINU KURUP** only in all documents.

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I, **RAKSHITHA C N,** aged about 33 years, D/o Nagendra C.N, R/a # 117/A, 38th A Cross, 26th Main, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bangalore South, Jayanagar East, Bangalore, Karnataka-560069 have changed my name to **FAARIHA** vide affidavit dt. 25/05/2026 before Notary **N. KANCHIVARADARAJU,** Bangalore.

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I, Ranganatha Karehalli Shreenivasamurthy, S/o Shreenivasamurthy, Private. employee & resident of No 84, Ravikirloskar Layout, Chikkabidarakallu, Bengaluru, 560073. Do here by declare that my name changed from **"RANGANATHA SHREENIVASAMURTHY"** (Old Name) to **"RANGANATHA KAREHALLI SHREENIVASAMURTHY"** (New Name) vide affidavit dated **24.05.2026** sworn to before me **Ratna N.** B.com, LLB., Advocate & Notary Govt of India, Bengaluru-560079.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, No. 14608086M, EX-Sepoy Ravichandran.M No.57/BC, Chinnakote Main Road, Kathhalli, K.G.F. Post, BEML Nagar, Tehsil-Bangarpet, District-Kolar, Karnataka-563 115 have changed my wife's name from **JAYANTHI RAVICHANDRAN** to **JAYANTHI.V** vide Affidavit dated: 18.05.2026 before the I Addl. Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, K.G.F.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AFIFA KHADRI,** D/o Mr. S.M SHA KHADRI and W/o Mr. AHMED FARAZ KHAN, Resident of No. 1112, 26th 'B' Main Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560069, Karnataka India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AFIFAH KHADRI** to **AFIFA KHADRI** henceforth I shall be known and called as **AFIFA KHADRI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23/05/2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, **PRADEEP GANGURU PRANESHSETTY**, Aged 39years, S/o Sri. Praneshsetty G R, Residing at No.107, Ground Floor, Skandashree 5, SLV Layout, Nayandahalli, Behind The Club, Bengaluru-560039,
Herewith am declaring that **PRADEEP GANGURU PRANESHSETTY and PRADEEP G P** are one and the same thereby both names referred above pertains to me alone, vide affidavit dated 25-05-2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R.Thulasikrishna, Bengaluru-560096.

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I, VINAYAK S/O NARAYANA RAO. Residing at No-#2102, 11th BLOCK, JANAPRIYA, ALLALASANDRA, YELAHANKA, BANGALORE - 560065. have changed my name from **VINAYAK** to **VINAYAK KULKARNI,** vide affidavit dated 25/5/2026 sworn to before G R Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NANCY SRIDHAR** (Old Name) W/o **SRIDHAR PARDASARATI CHANDARASHEKAR** residing at No. 23/124, Infant Cottage, 5th Cross, Marathahalli, Behind Deepa Nursing Home, Bengaluru- 560037 have changed my name to **NANCY A (A-ANTHONY)** vide affidavit dated: 25/5/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANASA B P (New Name),** Residing at No. 293, DVG Road, BTS Layout, Near Apollo Pharmacy, Arekere, Bengaluru-560 076, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **MANASA BHAGEERATHI PUTTASWAMY (Old Name)** to **MANASA B P (New Name),** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANASA B P (New Name)** only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 25-05-2026, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Bangalore.

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I, **V. MUTHU RUBEN,** aged about 50 years, S/o D. Vincent, residing at Art Requizza Apartment, C 0205, Newtown, Gollahalli Main Road, Near MJR Apartment, Electronic City Phase-I, Bengaluru, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **V MUTHU REUBEN** to **V. MUTHU RUBEN** henceforth I shall be known and called as **V. MUTHU RUBEN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25/05/2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJESH NAMBIAR,** S/o Janardhan Nambiar Neeliath, aged about 48 years, residing at # 301, Reliable Green Field, Harlur Main Road, Near Ram Reddy Circle, Kudlu, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAJESH PUTHUKI NEELIATH** to **RAJESH NAMBIAR** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAJESH NAMBIAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25/05/2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. GOUTHAMI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Benedict Raj S/o Selvaraj, aged about 48 years, residing at No. 94/21, 3rd Cross, Lingaraj puram, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560084, have changed my name from **Arokiaraj Benedict** to **Benedict Raj,** vide affidavit dated 25/5/2026 sworn to before Anitha Bai Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

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I, **ANURAAG RAJESH,** aged about 28 years, S/o. RAJESH VIRALAM SATHYANARAYAN Residing at No.62, Aishwarya kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi Bangalore-560004 hereby declare that **ANURAAG RAJESH and ANURAAG VIRALAM RAJESH** both the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as **ANURAAG VIRALAM RAJESH** vide affidavit dated: 23.05.2026 before advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain .K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TANYA** (Old Name) D/o **VENUGOPAL NAIDU NARAYANASWAMY** and Holder Passport No : P5965821 Residing at 1312, Vijinapura, Doorvaninagar Post, Bengaluru – 560016 have changed my name to **TANYA VENUGOPAL NAIDU** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 25/5/2026 Before Notary **Idnabba** Bangalore .

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MD ISA** (Old Name) S/o **Gaibuddin Miya** residing at No. 01, M.G. Arcade, 2nd Main, L.C.S Layout, Laljinagar, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bengaluru- 560030 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED ISA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 25/5/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SINITA DEVI** mother of Service No: 8037521H Rank: LNK Name: DEEPAK KUMAR Permenent residing at Dadli Dadli Haridwar Srichandi Uttarakhand 247661 Current residing at Pioneer Corps Training Centre MS Nagar, Bengaluru -560033, have changed my name from **SINITA DEVI to SUNITA** vide affidavit dated: 25.05.2026 before advocate and notary Uday Kumar .K, Bengaluru.

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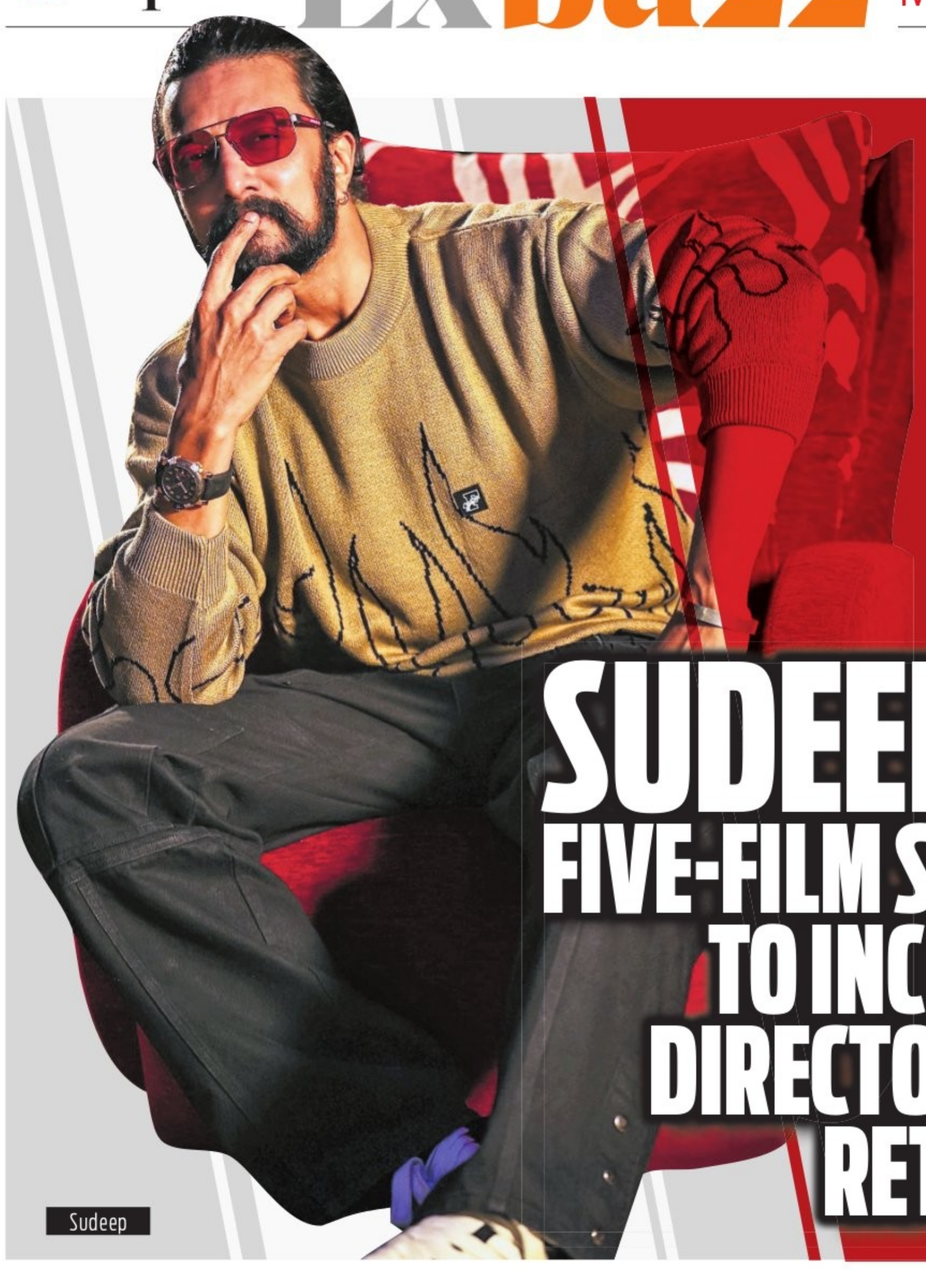

Sudeep

SUDEEP'S FIVE-FILM SLATE TO INCLUDE DIRECTORIAL RETURN

While *Billa Ranga Baasha* gears up to resume shooting from June, confirmed sources reveal Kichcha Sudeep is preparing an ambitious slate of projects, including four fresh announcements and a long-awaited return to direction

A SHARADHAA

Ever since *Mark*'s release in December 2025, Kichcha Sudeep, one of Kannada's superstars, has remained unusually quiet about his next move. No fresh film announcements, no elaborate reveals, and little indication of where the actor was headed next. But behind that silence, it appears Sudeep has been carefully working on one of the most ambitious lineups of his career.

Earlier, Sudeep had spoken about making a strategic shift in his career, assuring fans of a more consistent release pattern by promising at least two films every 18 months. The move was viewed as a commitment to ensuring regular releases.

While official updates have remained scarce, confirmed sources now reveal a lineup that could offer plenty of excitement for his fanbase.

One of the key projects on Sudeep's slate is *Billa Ranga Baasha* (BRB), his much-awaited collaboration with director Anup Bhandari. Mounted on a large-scale canvas, the film is set in 2209. Sudeep had completed an initial schedule before moving to *Mark*, and the visually ambitious project already sparked anticipation with the release of its teaser. Sources indicate that the actor is expected to resume shooting for *Billa Ranga Baasha* from June.

Apart from BRB, what makes the development more intriguing is that Sudeep is reportedly preparing to unveil four additional film announcements this year. According to confirmed sources, all four projects are currently in the scripting and preparation stages, with each film exploring a distinctly different genre.

Among these projects lies another development that longtime fans have particularly waited for. One of the upcoming ventures is said to be directed by Sudeep himself. The actor-filmmaker, who last stepped behind the camera with *Maanikya(2014)*, has often faced questions about returning to direction. It now appears that the wait may finally be nearing its end. Speculation around Sudeep's next move and possible collaborators has circulated for months, and official announcements are expected from Sudeep and his team soon.

The Pyramid Scheme gets premiere date

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Prime Video announced on Monday that its upcoming series, *The Pyramid Scheme*, would premiere on June 5. Starring Paramvir Singh Cheema, Ranvir Shorey, and Shekhar Suman in the lead, the ensemble cast includes Aanjjan Srivastav, Alfia Jafry, Ashish Raghava, Akhilendra Mishra, Sushant Singh, and Sadanand Patil.

The Pyramid Scheme follows Goldy (Paramvir Singh Cheema), an enterprising young man chasing a better life who somehow finds himself pulled into the flashy, weirdly convincing world of pyramid marketing. Written by Akshendra Mishra, the series is created by Shreyansh Pandey, who is also directing it alongside Ashish R Shukla.

Backrooms gets new release date

CE FEATURES

BACKROOMS, an upcoming psychological horror thriller starring Chiwetel Ejiofor, is moving to June 12. The Indian release of the film was earlier planned for May 29. The film, written by Will Soodik and directed by Kane Parsons, is an expansion of Parsons' series of short films.

The makers say that the decision has been made to "ensure the film reaches audiences with the best possible theatrical experience". The film's star cast includes Renate Reinsve, Mark Duplass, Finn Bennett, and Lukita Maxwell.

With a mind-bending plotline, the film, based on a true story, borrows from the popular internet myth of The *Backrooms*. This has turned into a modern-day legend with internet theories like the "levels and layers" of these rooms are occupied by entities and hostile creatures. *Backrooms*, hailing from A24, is produced by noted filmmakers James Wan, Shawn Levy, and Osgood Perkins, among others.

Shivarajkumar calls Ram Charan 'Like Appu'

Ram Charan in Bengaluru was joined by Shivarajkumar, Janhvi Kapoor and the Peddi team to talk about the film, drawing massive crowds and sparking a fan frenzy

CE FEATURES

RAM Charan's *Peddi*, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, is gearing up for its June 4 release, and the team arrived in Bengaluru for a high-energy promotional event that turned into a fan frenzy. Ram Charan was joined by Shivarajkumar, who plays a pivotal role in the film, along with Janhvi Kapoor, drawing massive crowds and emotional fan moments, including one where a young admirer touched Ram Charan's feet after receiving an autograph.

Shivarajkumar stole the spotlight on stage as he fondly recalled the strong bonding within the Mega family — Chiranjeevi, Pawan Kalyan, and Ram Charan — highlighting the mutual respect they share. He also spoke emotionally about the late Puneeth Rajkumar, saying Ram Charan reminded him of Appu in terms of humility, warmth, and respect. Calling it a special connection, Shivanna said he instantly agreed to be part of *Peddi* when approached, adding that Ram Charan's growth as an actor has been remarkable.

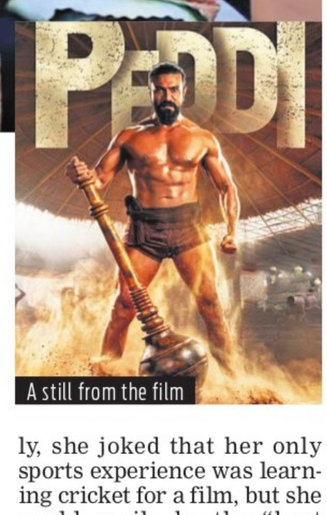
Ram Charan, in his address, thanked Shivarajkumar for being part of the project and said he considers him family. He expressed deep gratitude for the overwhelming love from Karnataka fans and urged audiences to watch the film, emphasising the immense hard work behind it. He also credited the ensemble cast, director Buchi Babu Sana, the producers, and the creative vision driving the project.

Producer Venkata Satish Kilaru, of Vriddhi Cinemas, shared that *Peddi* is designed as a universal entertainer catering to audiences across all age groups, blending sports and emotion.

Janhvi Kapoor also charmed the audience, speaking briefly in Kannada and winning loud cheers. She described *Peddi* as an inspiring sports drama. Light-heartedly, she joked that her only sports experience was learning cricket for a film, but she could easily be the "best cheerleader." She added humorously that her ultimate fitness tip to all would be doing a song with Ram Charan.

Peddi, presented by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings, has music by AR Rahman, cinematography by Rathnavelu ISC, and editing by Navin Nooli.

Janhvi Kapoor



A still from the film

A still from the film

Ram Charan and Shivarajkumar

Team *Mahaan* unveils Vijay Raghavendra's earthy avatar as Sathya

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Vijay Raghavendra is set to headline director PC Shekar's *Mahaan*, produced by Prakash Budduru under the Akash Pictures banner. The director, known for his content-driven films, returns with his 11th directorial venture, which is centred on the lives and struggles of farmers.

Team *Mahaan* had earlier revealed that Vijay Raghavendra will feature as a farmer named Sathya. The makers have now revealed the actor's first look on the special occasion of Vijay Raghavendra's birthday. The poster presents the actor in a rugged, earthy avatar, hinting at the rooted narrative the film promises to explore.

The project has now entered post-production, and the makers are expected to announce the release date soon.

Apart from Vijay Raghavendra, *Mahaan* also stars Radhika Narayan, Mithra, Namratha Gowda, Varsha Bollamma and Kiran Srinivas in prominent roles.

HOMBALE MUSIC ACQUIRES AUDIO RIGHTS OF ***DEVI MAHATME***

CE FEATURES

Nagaraj Somayaji's sophomore project, *Devi Mahatme*, which has already piqued audiences' curiosity with its title and poster, has completed filming and is now in post-production. In a major development for the team, the film's audio rights have been acquired by Hombale Music.

Interestingly, *Devi Mahatme* becomes the first film album acquired by Hombale Music outside its in-house productions.

"The audio rights of *Devi Mahatme* have gone for a good amount, but more than that, the film becoming the first album acquired by Hombale Music is itself a big deal," says Nagaraj Somayaji, adding, "Today, there are only a few good audio labels. For a director like me, with just two films, the approach from Hombale was encouraging. Collaborating with a legacy company is a major boost for us," Nagaraj says.

Devi Mahatme follows Nagaraj Somayaji's *Maryade Prashne* and is structured as a comedy-thriller. He has penned the screenplay and also directed the film. He is joined in the writing department by Aravind Kuplikar, Bhaskar Bangera, Guru Arya, and Vadiraj Shetty.

Produced under the UVG Studio banner by Vidya Gandi Rajan, and Gandhirajan's support, the film also brings together a strong technical crew. While SK Rao handles cinematography, Likith Prasad K Shetty composes the music and Ujwal Chandra takes charge of editing.

Nagaraja Somayaji, Chaluve Gowda, and Gandi Rajan